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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

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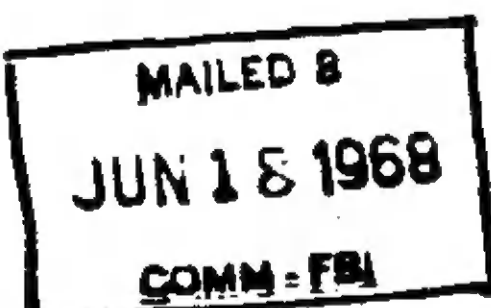
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Dear [REDACTED]

In response to your letter which was received on June 14th, the FBI has never made any statements to the effect that Martin Luther King was a communist. Information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. Further, I cannot furnish you any information about Senator Fulbright.

Sincerely yours,




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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Senator Fulbright is Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and is one of the leading critics of US policy towards Vietnam. He and his staff have had numerous contacts with Soviet-bloc officials and he has been a strong sponsor of the proposed Consular Treaty with Russia. In 1954, the Director noted that the Senator "puts politics above security interests of the country." Last outgoing to Senator Fulbright 5/29/68 on constituent's inquiry.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
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Bergenfield, N. J. 07621

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

My neighbor, who is very active in town and county politics, has told me that the Rev. Dr. Martin L. King was a communist. She uses the W.B.I. as her source of authority and says she has seen this in print. Since a relative of hers is in the W.B.I. I was afraid she might have been right. Is she? Has the W.B.I. ever accused Dr. King of being or sympathizing with communists and if so in what publication? She also says that Senator Fullbright is a communist. Is this namecalling or does this woman have the facts? It would be a sorry thing in our nation if men who are known communists

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could have such strong followings and
 be elected to such high offices.
 It would also be a sorry thing for a
 woman to be able to go around a small
 neighborhood beamirching the reputations
 of such national figures...I do not ask
 this for political reasons, only so
 that I may know the truth and not have to re-
 rely on hearsay.

Cordially yours,

[REDACTED]

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Date: 6/10/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL 6076
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (94-240) RUC

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Midland, Texas
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

Re El Paso airtel to Bureau, 5/27/68.

On 6/5/68, [REDACTED], advised

SA [REDACTED] had related to him that he had seen a panel show on a St. Louis TV station in which two FBI agents appeared and talked about Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. [REDACTED] could not recall details as related to him by his brother but suggested contact with his brother be made.

On 6/10/68.

advised SA [redacted] that the program to which he referred was not a TV program but was actually a radio program which he had heard on station KMOX, St. Louis. Those interviewed were not actual FBI agents but claimed to have been informants for the FBI. He was unable to recall the names but stated that one was a female and the other person interviewed was a male. This occurred several weeks prior to the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. These individuals indicated that they were confident that Dr. KING had Communistic connections.

- 3 - Bureau
1 - St. Louis
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(4) C. C. Bishop

Approved: 51 JUN 27 1968 Special Agent in Charge

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On 6/10/68 [REDACTED] b7(c)
[REDACTED] advised that on 2/19/68 a Mrs. LOLA BELLE HOLME was interviewed with several others on a panel-type program on the topic "America's Future in 1968". Mrs. HOLME described herself as a former FBI undercover agent who was a member of the Communist Party for a period of seven years. It is noted that Mrs. HOLME made several appearances in St. Louis criticizing militant civil rights activists.

In view of the above, it is apparent that no FBI agents were actually involved in this matter and no further action is being taken.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. Tolson

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED 28, 1968

FROM: C. D. DeLoach

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SUBJECT: DREW PEARSON - JACK ANDERSON COLUMN
REGARDING MARTIN LUTHER KING
WASHINGTON POST EDITION OF MAY 24, 1968

By memorandum of May 27, 1968, the Attorney General indicated that he is deeply troubled by the Drew Pearson - Jack Anderson column in "The Washington Post" of May 24, 1968, which dealt with the FBI's electronic surveillance coverage of Dr. Martin Luther King, as requested and approved by former Attorney General Kennedy.

The Attorney General noted that a portion of this column must have come from secret documents, the contents of which were known to only a very few people in the office of the Director and in the office of the Attorney General. He stated that the disclosure of these facts in the public press evidences a lack of integrity in the Department's system or in the personnel employed at some relevant time in his office and the Director's office. He requests advice on any information as to the manner in which these facts were disclosed, or any theory how such data may have been released. If no such information is available, he requests that an investigation be undertaken, if the Director deems such an inquiry feasible, to determine how this release occurred.

Attached is a letter to the Attorney General providing a reply in this matter. The Attorney General is assured that the FBI has made a thorough analysis of the captioned article and has made a careful check of our FBI officials who normally handle contacts with the press. The Attorney General is assured that no officials of this Bureau were responsible in any way in furnishing information to Pearson which formed the basis for this article. It points out that the information in question could have originated from a fairly wide range of sources in that information regarding our electronic surveillance coverage of King received wide dissemination in the Government, including the Attorney General's Office, the Solicitor General's Office, the White House, the Vice President's Office, military intelligence agencies, and the Central Intelligence

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Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Gale
Mr. Sullivan

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson
Re: Drew Pearson - Jack Anderson Column
Regarding Martin Luther King
Washington Post Edition of May 24, 1968

Agency. This letter also notes that such coverage of King has previously been alluded to on a number of occasions by the press, including a column by "Washington Post" writer Richard Earwood (February 25, 1968), in addition to other press coverage.

In connection with the appearance of the date July 16, 1968, in captioned article, as the date on which Kennedy first instructed the FBI to conduct wiretap coverage of King, the Attorney General's attention is drawn to the fact that a number of individuals outside the FBI were familiar with this request. Some of these would include Courtney Evans, who received Kennedy's instructions in this matter, various Departmental officials who were at that time aware of Kennedy's interest in having the FBI institute this coverage of King, the Solicitor General, who was recently briefed by the Director concerning our electronic coverage of King, and certain current Departmental officials who were completely briefed by representatives of this Bureau regarding Kennedy's authorization of electronic surveillance coverage, in connection with a discussion of the possible use of a plea of immunity in the civil suit in Las Vegas against FBI Agents.

The Attorney General is told that the FBI will be glad to initiate investigation if he so desires. His attention is called to the fact that any investigation of this type would naturally entail interviews with all possible sources from which the data in question could have originated, including representatives of his office, the Solicitor General's Office, the White House, the Central Intelligence Agency, and various other departments and agencies.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is a letter to the Attorney General along the lines described above. Attached to the yellow of this letter are copies of pertinent documents in support of facts stated to the Attorney General.

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The Attorney General

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May 23, 1968

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Staffeld

RE: PEARSON-JACK ANDERSON COLUMN
REGARDING MARTIN LUTHER KING,
WASHINGTON POST EDITION OF MAY 24, 1968

With reference to your memorandum of May 27, 1968, I share your concern regarding the Drew Pearson - Jack Anderson column in the "Washington Post" of May 24, 1968. As a matter of fact, immediately upon the appearance of this article I had a thorough analysis made of the alleged facts contained therein and, while a number of them are false or have previously appeared in publications, I nevertheless had a careful check made of all FBI employees who normally handle contacts with newspapers to determine if they had either released the alleged facts in question, or had discussed such matters with Pearson and Anderson. I have been assured that such is not the case. Therefore, in connection with your observation that only a very few people in your office and among representatives of my office would have access to such information and that this disclosure evidences a lack of integrity in our system, you may be assured that no such integrity gap exists among representatives of my office.

The fact that there was a wiretap on Dr. Martin Luther King has been alluded to previously in newspaper articles and columns. As a matter of fact, Richard Barwood, writing in the "Washington Post" on February 25, 1968, made reference to such coverage. Allegations in his article and in various other articles were obviously repeated by Pearson and Anderson in their column of May 24, 1968.

The reference to the date July 16, 1963, as mentioned by Pearson and Anderson as the date when Attorney General Kennedy first ordered an electronic surveillance placed on Dr. Martin Luther King, was likewise known to many sources.

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See DeLoach to Tolson memorandum, 5/28/68, same caption.

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The Attorney General

Former FBI employee Courtney Evans, who is now a temporary employee of the Department of Justice (and whose credibility is subject to serious question as a result of a number of falsifications and distortions of fact he has made publicly regarding FBI practices), was very much aware of this particular date as well as virtually all information contained in the Pearson column. As you may recall, two FBI representatives questioned Mr. Evans quite thoroughly on December 24, 1965, and on June 2, 1966, and reviewed with him numerous memoranda which he prepared in making a record of his pertinent conversations with former Attorney General Kennedy regarding electronic surveillance coverage by the FBI.

The Attorney General's Office, of course, was aware of this date as a result of discussions between Evans and former Attorney General Kennedy regarding the coverage of King in question. Such individuals as former Executive Assistant to the Attorney General Harold Reis would have been aware of these discussions as would former Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall in connection with Mr. Kennedy's interest in having the FBI institute electronic surveillance coverage on Dr. King. In addition, the Solicitor General has been briefed concerning the FBI's electronic surveillance on Dr. King.

In connection with the desirability of a plea of immunity in the civil suit in Las Vegas against FBI personnel, three FBI representatives on October 16, 1967, briefed two representatives of the Department of Justice relative to former Attorney General Kennedy's authorization of microphones and wiretaps. The date July 16, 1963, was mentioned during this briefing in connection with a discussion of our electronic surveillance coverage of Dr. King. As you are perhaps aware, Mr. Kennedy first requested that a wiretap be placed on Dr. King on July 16, 1963. The FBI's memorandum regarding authority to make this installation was personally approved by Mr. Kennedy as of October 10, 1963. The wiretap, however, was not activated on Dr. King until November 8, 1963.

For your information, I did not bring up any reference to wiretap or microphone coverage during my meeting with Dr. King on December 1, 1964, as alluded to in Mr. Pearson's column. I am not aware of any statement made by Dr. King after this conference which was "surprisingly favorable" to the FBI.

The Attorney General

Reports of Dr. King and his activities, involving sexual debauchery, and including infiltration and domination by communists, were disseminated to authorized sources on a number of occasions. In handling our heavy responsibilities in the field of internal security, it would be unthinkable not to disseminate such information. Your office, the White House, the Vice President's office, the military intelligence agencies, and the Central Intelligence Agency, have been the recipients of these classified reports. As you can well appreciate, where it is necessary to disseminate to other agencies in the government, the risk of leaks is ever present.

I am always dismayed when information of the above nature is given to unauthorized sources. I have also been greatly concerned, as you know, over the extreme harm which has been caused as a result of the disclosure of microphone coverage in numerous organized crime cases which, upon general and/or specific authorization of the Attorney General (and later installation by this Bureau), were fully exposed, as well as the logs pertaining thereto, in Federal court. This has occurred now in at least 27 instances. My objections to such procedures have been made known to you, both orally by my representatives, and in writing.

Considering the unjustified criticism that has been leveled at the FBI over the years by Messrs. Pearson and Anderson, it is inconceivable that any FBI employee having access to such data would volunteer information of this nature to these columnists. I cannot provide this same guarantee with regard to a number of former employees.

This Bureau will, of course, be glad to initiate an investigation of the circumstances surrounding the Pearson - Anderson column in question, if you so desire. You may be assured once again, however, that such information did not originate from representatives of this Bureau. I also wish to call to your attention that any investigation of this type would naturally entail interviews with all possible sources referred to in this letter, including representatives of your office, the office of the Solicitor General, the White House, military intelligence agencies, and various other Departments and agencies.

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Date **June 7, 1968**

RE:

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**MIDLAND, TEXAS DATE 2-11-61 BY SP4 Jm li
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)
BUDED: 5-31-68**

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____
☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.
☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks:

ReBuairtel 5-20-68 and El Paso airtel 5-27-68. Bu records do not indicate results of investigation requested in El Paso airtel have reached Bureau. If not already submitted, handle immediately by return airtel.

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Follow-up made for 4732.

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Date: 5/27/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (94-355) (RUC)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Midland, Texas b7(c)
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

Re Bureau airtel to EP, 5/20/68.

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[REDACTED] Midland, Texas, b7(c)
was contacted by SA [REDACTED] on 5/25/68, at his
residence. His letter to the Director dated 5/13/68 was
acknowledged, and [REDACTED] was informed of the
confidential nature of information contained in the
files of the FBI. It was pointed out to [REDACTED]
that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the
U. S. Government, and does not determine whether prosecutive
action will be instituted in any given situation. He was
informed that decisions regarding prosecution in any case
concerning violations of the Federal law are within the
province of the Attorney General of the United States.

Concerning the paragraph in his letter regarding
two FBI Agents appearing on a TV program concerning
MARTIN LUTHER KING, [REDACTED] said that information
came to him "third hand". He said his brother-in-law,
[REDACTED] Steele, Missouri, has a brother who is a

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Special Agent in Charge

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professional baseball player in St. Louis, Missouri, and that individual is reported to have seen a TV panel discussion concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING on which two of the participants were FBI Agents.

[redacted] said he assumes that the TV program originated in St. Louis, Missouri. He stated his understanding is that the baseball player told [redacted] about the program and [redacted] in turn repeated the incident to his, [redacted] sister, and she in turn told him about it. b7(c)

[redacted] said as he recalled, the TV program was televised about the time of the march by the garbage strikers in Memphis, Tennessee, which was led by MARTIN LUTHER KING a couple of weeks before he was killed. [redacted] said according to the story he heard, the two FBI Agents on the panel discussion stated that KING is a Communist, and they could prove it. He said some of the other panelists on the program apparently took exception to their remarks, and called them liars. b7(c)

[redacted] said he does not know the identity of [redacted] brother who is a professional baseball player in St. Louis, Missouri, but that information could be obtained from [redacted] at Steele, Missouri. b7(c)

LEADS

ST. LOUIS

AT STEELE, MISSOURI:

Determine from [redacted] the identity of his brother, who is a professional baseball player in St. Louis, Missouri, and set forth lead to have him interviewed concerning this matter. b7(c)

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

Check TV programs originating in St. Louis during the approximate period of the march of the garbage workers in Memphis, Tennessee, which was led by MARTIN LUTHER KING shortly before his death, and determine if such a panel discussion, as mentioned above, took place.

El Paso indices are negative re captioned individual.

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June 13, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 4, 1968.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter concerning our inquiry about the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Best wishes to you and your entire staff of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sincerely yours,

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[Redacted]

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of June 4th has been received. In response to your inquiry concerning communist activities or affiliations of Martin Luther King, information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I cannot be of assistance in this instance.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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[REDACTED]
Milwaukee, Wis. b7(c)

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June 4, 1968

Dear Sirs

I would like to ask a few questions about the late
Dr. Martin Luther King.

- 1 - Did he have any communists affiliations.
- 2 - How many of his aides if any were commies.
- 3 - Also how many of these Negro organizations are just Communist fronts.
- 4 - What is the degree of communist infiltration into the church.

I hope you will answer these questions or send me some information which will help me.

Yours Truly,

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Milwaukee, Wis.

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June 4, 1968

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I hope you will answer these questions or send me some information which will help me.

Yours Truly,


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June 10, 1968

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Washington, D. C. 20009

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of June 4th, with enclosed article, has been received and I am grateful for your kind remarks regarding my administration of this Bureau. It was thoughtful of you to furnish me your views concerning the matters you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles indicate in February, 1959, correspondent was included on a list of individuals contacted by a representative of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, a group cited as being a communist front by HCUA in 1959. The enclosed article is the Allen-Scott Report which appeared in the Portland, Maine, "Press Herald" on 6-1-68.

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Washington, D. C. 20009

June 4, 1968

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20535

Sir:

Having read the enclosed Allen-Scott report with much interest, I wish now that I had written you back when the urge was even greater than now, but I have a "law of my own" about not acting when there is a risk that emotion might override good judgment. Whatever the crisis, however, there is the solace of trust in your capabilities, which is certainly of no small account, and I must add that again time has proven this trust to be a worthy one.

I was appalled at the reaction of our brain-washed public and how good a job the news media did convincing millions that King was some sort of "supreme being." From the time he was slain, each newscast cried louder than the last for collective action but there was no collective action. Finally, I heard the Pope of Rome had compared King with our Saviour! It was like no one knew how to arrest the development of the situation or they did not want to. I had thought I was familiar with the way distasteful reality could be represented by the human mind, but whatever the influences and however malignant, I could not reconcile them being sufficient for such blindness in the general intelligence of our race towards the obvious elements of the situation. It certainly was obvious enough to me that here was a man being praised who was literally trying to wreck our country. It still defeats me. But how refreshing to long last read an article such as this.

I believe King was an advocate of pure Communism and had every trait of a Communist, who would defy the law, lie, steal, burn, kill, and even destroy himself to achieve the aims of the Communist Party. I remembered you had once told the people that he was a notorious liar and I knew you must have had good reason for such a statement. But the people had forgotten that. Yet, everyone knows you have always been acclaimed one of the finest men in this country and have performed your very responsible job in a most magnificent manner.

I am sorry if I embarrass you and sound "carried away." You will know, though, that I am considered one of the "biased few" and hence unable to communicate with anyone where I work or where I live who shares my views; if, indeed, this is any excuse for looking to you to hear me out.

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To proceed with the real purpose for this letter, and in all fairness I must add that I cannot base what I say on anything tangible, but have a strong hunch that King and a few Communists (and possibly a third party) agreed to do away with Martin Luther in order to help "the cause." I feel sure the Reverend -- in the role of a Communist -- would be willing. I think his ominous mention of "If I should die" was an unintended product of a sick conscience aware that death was imminent. I am inclined to believe that he may have deliberately bent over on the balcony in order that the assassin might take good aim and do a clean job. You will recall that Abernathy said at the time that had King not bent over as he did he would not have been in the path of the bullet.

Should these figments of my imagination not warrant any merit, forgive me, but this is a theory I have had from the beginning and, upon learning that letters along this line of thought are being received at your office, I have been encouraged to put my thoughts on paper to you. I myself admit it is rather farfetched but, at the same time, and to quote from the Foreword in your famous Masters of Deceit, I ask myself, "Can it be possible?" I am also reminded of another quotation, by Daniel Webster, and one I am sure you have heard: "There is nothing so powerful as truth -- and often nothing so strange."

Since I may never have the occasion to write you again, in closing, may I express my sincere gratitude, as one American citizen, for a better life because of your genius; I am thankful for having lived in the same era with you and in the same land.

Most respectfully yours,



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Enclosure
[Clipping from the
Portland Press Herald]

The Allen-Scott Report

Dr. King's Speech

Is Studied For Clues

WASHINGTON — The Federal Bureau of Investigation's massive probe of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King is taking a possibly sensational turn.

With James Earl Ray, the suspected assassin, apparently either outside the U.S. or now dead, FBI agents have increased their surveillance of several American Communists known to have been closely associated with King, including one who wrote speeches for him in the past.

This new development was triggered by evidence gathered by the more than 1,000 agents who have worked on the mysterious King shooting and by several "tips" and letters sent to the FBI.

One of the most interesting of these "tips" came from an alert TV viewer and concerns the now famous "Mountain Top" speech King made on April 3, the night before his slaying, showing a premonition of his impending death.

"If the speech was truly made in Memphis on April 3 as reported," the letter pointed out, "then how can one account for King stating his age as 36 (instead of 39) and why does he speak of demonstrating in Alabama twice during the speech?"

After checking out the time and location of King's final speech, several of the crack FBI agents assigned to the case decided to begin seeking answers to a number of their own questions, including:

"If King had personally written that speech, why would he make mistakes like those contained in it — especially the one involving his age?"

"If the speech was written by someone other than King, who was the author and when was it written?"

THE ANSWERS TO these questions are considered highly important to the investigation, since, if another person was concerned in the preparation of that speech, the writer might be able to shed new light on it — especially those mistakes.

Also, if King had received help with the speech, the passages dealing with the civil rights leader's premonition of death would probably have been fully discussed. King's request to the Detroit police department for protection when he



visited that city a few weeks before his death indicated he feared for his life then.

Information gathered by the FBI on King, prior to his assassination, showed that a secret member of the Communist Party's executive committee was one of King's closest advisers and speech writers.

This ghost writer for King prepared many of his most famous speeches, according to testimony given by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover during a closed door meeting of a House Appropriations subcommittee.

Since Ray during his trips prior to King's assassination visited the same city in which this ghost writer lives, the FBI is now investigating to determine if the two met covertly.

Recent evidence gathered by FBI agents in one of the most massive probes in the nation's history has forced serious investigation of these possibilities:

That somebody close to King or within his own organization tipped off his assassin as to the civil rights leader's routine on the day of his slaying.

That Ray was hired directly by certain black nationalists who paid him with money made available by foreign sources.

That an international Communist "assassin squad" was involved in the slaying.

BECAUSE OF RAY'S mysterious trips to Mexico and Canada shortly before the assassination, the entire U.S. intelligence operation, ranging from the Central Intelligence Agency to the Defense Intelligence Agency, has been pressed into the hunt for King's killer.

One CIA report indicates that Ray, who is linked to the murder weapon by fingerprints and ballistic data, may have visited Cuba during his Mexican trip, according to information furnished by a Mexican airline official.

The FBI assumption is that, if there was a conspiracy to kill King, those involved made arrangements to spirit their hired killer out of the U.S. to Cuba via either Mexico or Canada.

Probably the greatest irony of the probe of King's assassination is that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, one of the civil rights leader's severest critics when he was alive, is doing everything in his power to solve the case.

On the other hand, King's closest aides in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference are showing little or no interest in whether the killer is found.

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Portland, Me., Press Herald, Saturday, June 1, 1968

Martin Luther King

The AG then told me that he was disturbed over Drew Pearson's column which appeared in the "Washington Post" this morning. He asked me if I knew the "Washington Post" had deliberately cut out references to King being dominated by the communists and engaging in sex orgies. I told him I was not aware of this fact, that I did not talk to the "Post," consequently, I did not know who had edited the Pearson column if, in fact, any editing was done. The AG stated that he did not believe the President had leaked this information. He then asked me if I thought the President had done this. I told him I did not know inasmuch as numerous sources had possession of the information which had appeared in Pearson's column, however, admittedly a great deal of the column was distorted and had mistaken facts in it.

I also mentioned that we did not condone Pearson's article in the least inasmuch as such an article could only serve to dry up our sources. I stated that despite this fact, however, the AG obviously knows that Bobby Kennedy was perhaps the only AG whose name has appeared in newspapers regarding electronic devices. I stated this was Kennedy's own fault inasmuch as he first raised the issue on a nationwide television program by attempting to lie out of a question and, at the same time, putting the FBI squarely in the middle. The AG quickly responded that Kennedy obviously had attempted to lie out of the King matter inasmuch as he, the AG, had checked the record this morning and had ascertained that Kennedy not only approved wiretaps in security and criminal cases but obviously had approved microphone coverage that was placed on Hoffa's attorney.

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P. Moore

[Redacted Address]

Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601

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Dear [Redacted Name]

Your letter of June 3rd, with enclosure, has been received.

In response to your inquiry as to whether or not Martin Luther King was a communist, information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. For the same reason, I cannot comment on your other question.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,
Chief, F.B.I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have read in several different papers that the late Martin Luther King was a Communist; also that he was either head of, or mixed up in, a wide spread car theft ring in this country.

Will you please tell me whether or not he was listed as a communist with your department, and whether or not he was engaged in any way with a car theft ring.

Thank you for an early reply. Addressed and stamped envelope enclosed for your convenience.

Very truly yours,


Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 6-5-68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages E4954-E4955. Congressman Snyder, (R) Kentucky, placed in the Record a statement entitled So Full a Flood. This statement is being distributed by the Fathers of the Oratory, Lexington, Kentucky. This document states: "Shall we ever see again so full a flood of hypocrisy as that in which the land has lain awash in the last weeks? As the savages made funeral pyres out of parts of a hundred cities, a craven clergy dutifully responded to the latest rubrics handed down from The Great Birdcage, D. C., They called him a great Christian, he who denied the Divinity of Christ and His Virgin Birth. They called him a man of honour, he who Mr. J. Edgar Hoover described as 'the most notorious liar in the country.' I shall always remember the unspeakable hypocrisy with which both politician and priest have betrayed their country these last days in this somelime land of the free, somelime home of the brave."

Handwritten: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover described as 'the most notorious liar in the country.'

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[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, California 90004

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 2nd, with enclosure,
has been received and I appreciate the interest which
prompted you to write and furnish me your comments
on the matters you mentioned. I also want to thank you
for your kind remarks regarding my work.

With respect to your inquiry concerning
Martin Luther King, information in our files cannot be
released because of a Department of Justice order relat-
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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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Dear Mr. Hoover:

2-11-81 SP4JAM/lt

I clipped this article from the Los Angeles Times.

I among many Americans have wondered why some one didn't come out with the truth about Dr. King. We are neither bigots nor racist. We do pay taxes and respect the flag of our government. We do not feel this man deserved the lowering of our flag to him, which our boys are dying in Vietnam for the same cause that he was permitted to destroy this country with.

I think if you will check in a magazine called "National Review", a weekly publication, and during the week of Dr. King's assassination, you will find a picture of Dr. King & the article quotes him of bragging about his friendship with Dr. Du Bois, well known communist.

We were reading this article the day our flag was ordered lowered for him. We felt very indignant over this.

If you will check on a Florida State Legislative report, 1965 in I believe in the month of May, prior to our Watts' riot here, you will find he was not the "peace maker" the politicians are trying to push. He was also one of the signers on a telegram sent to President Johnson to halt the Belgium Congo airlift. Consequently some of the nuns lost their lives.

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I do not believe he left this world with clean hands. Our country has been turned into shambles, our Nation's Capitol a "hobo-camp", all riding on his name. I am not talking about Dr. King the Negro, but Dr. King the person he was, the real person he didn't fool everyone with. He preached one way and practiced another. This is not just my opinion alone. I am just as much in favor of equal rights for all American citizens, but I think it is a right we should all earn and not be demanded. We all owe something to this God given country. I know a lot of wonderful colored people, and they don't go along with violence and hatred.

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Los Angeles, Calif

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As far as you campaigning against the memory of Dr. King, believe me, It is my opinion he didn't leave a very good one to be destroyed.

I am not voting for McCarthy either, because he said he would replace you. I think that is poor thanks for a man so dedicated to his country as you have been in your service to this one.

I say "thank you" and to all the men in service that offer protection to our country.

From your number one fan,

Sincerely,

/s/

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

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Los Angeles 4, Calif

Los Angeles, California
June 2, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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APPROVAL OF DR. KING WIRETAP ALLEGED

Charges by Drew Pearson Embroil Kennedy

BY CARL GREENBERG

Times Political Editor

Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination is embroiled in charges by columnist Drew Pearson that Kennedy had ordered the late Dr. Martin Luther King's telephone tapped.

Pearson's accusation was not answered directly by Kennedy upon his arrival here Tuesday. But his press secretary, Frank Mankiewicz, issued a statement saying that Kennedy had authorized wiretaps by the FBI only in certain "national security" cases.

Mankiewicz also asserted that Pearson was being "used" by J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director, in what he claimed was Hoover's continuing "campaign" against the memory of Dr. King.

In Washington, Pearson, a supporter of Vice President Humphrey's candidacy for the Democratic nomination, said he has what he described as a memo bearing Kennedy's signature, but did not say that it specifically authorized tapping Dr. King's telephone.

"I will produce convincing evidence in due time," said Pearson.

A member of Hoover's staff said in Washington that Hoover would have no comment to make on Mankiewicz' statement.

This is the sequence of events:

Pearson, in a column written for publication last Friday, said Kennedy had "ordered a wiretap put on the phone of Dr. Martin Luther King."

The column also stated Kennedy, as U.S. attorney general, first ordered Dr. King "bugged" on July 16, 1963. "Bugging" is the term used in referring to installation of electronic listening devices. Pearson said in his column the reason for the alleged order was that Dr. King "was in touch with various Communists and was being influenced by them."

No taps were placed then on Dr. King's telephone, according to Pearson, but in October, 1963, "Kennedy signed an order for a tap on King's wires and thereafter King's phone conversations were monitored."

Pearson's column also stated that the FBI submitted regular reports on Dr. King's activities until he was slain, and said that one report, dated

Feb. 20 of this year, quoted a "confidential informant" in connection with Dr. King's asserted acquaintance with a person in Los Angeles.

In another column, written for publication last Monday, Pearson cited what he said was an FBI memo dated July 7, 1961, dealing with the FBI's "eavesdropping policy."

This memo, which Pearson said was signed by Courtney Evans, former assistant FBI director, was quoted as stating that—in the use of listening devices in connection with organized crime—"the strong objections to the utilization of telephone taps as contrasted to microphone surveillances was stressed."

The memo, according to Pearson, also said "the attorney general (then Kennedy) noted that he had approved several technical surveillances in connection with security-type investigations since he took office."

The Times did not publish the Pearson columns in accord with its general policy against publishing any syndicated columns containing

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Kennedy Drive Beset by Pearson's Charge

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material which involves candidates in California until such material and its implications can be checked by its own reporters.

The columns had obvious political implications inasmuch as Kennedy, although heavily supported in his campaign by Negroes, assertedly had ordered a telephone tap of the murdered Negro minister while Dr. King was head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

A request was made by The Times through Mankiewicz for an opportunity to ask the senator directly whether he had ordered a tap.

Discussion Declined

Upon Kennedy's arrival here Tuesday morning from Portland, Mankiewicz reported that the senator would not personally discuss the matter. Mankiewicz, a permanent member of Kennedy's senatorial staff, then dictated this statement:

"Sen. Kennedy has continuously stated that at no time while he was attorney general did he approve or authorize any electronic surveillance (bugging) of anyone.

"Pursuant to policies in effect since President Roosevelt's executive order of 1940, he did, as attorney general, approve a limited number of wiretaps in national security cases, but on each occasion only at the written request of the FBI.

"Since leaving the Department of Justice, Sen. Kennedy has not discussed any particular individual case and he will not do so now.

Hoover Bate Alleged

"It is unfortunate that Drew Pearson is permitting himself to be used by J. Edgar Hoover's continuing campaign against Martin Luther King—now apparently against the memory of Martin Luther King.

"The information that Pearson discloses in his column from the alleged surveillance was developed, according to him, in 1968, two attorneys' office

Hoover and Pearson the opportunity to reply to Mankiewicz' statement, with an FBI spokesman reporting there would be "no comment" from Hoover.

Reply Dictated

After saying he would produce "convinching evidence," Pearson dictated this reply from Washington to Mankiewicz' statement:

"First, regarding electronic surveillance I have a memo dated Aug. 17, 1961, with Robert F. Kennedy's signature on it, in which he authorizes microphone surveillances.

"Second, the column in which I prepared for the Los Angeles Times for Monday, May 27, quotes extensively from another memo dated July 7, 1961, in which he (Kennedy) says he would like to see a list of the technical surveillances that he would like this brought over to him personally and that he had approved several technical surveillances.

(Pearson's column for May 27 has Evans stating Kennedy's asserted position, but does not quote Kennedy himself.)

"In connection with the charge that I am continuing J. Edgar Hoover's campaign against Martin Luther King, the fact is that I have probably been the No. 1 newspaper critic of J. Edgar Hoover.

Friendship Cited

"At no time have I talked to Hoover about King and I have been a personal friend of Dr. King over a period of several years.

"He has been invited in my house and came to Washington last July as my guest to participate in a panel with Roy Wilkins, president of the NAACP, for the Advancement of Colored People, and Dick Gregory, in a discussion of Negro city problems over which I presided."

"Mankiewicz, before he made the statement that Kennedy had said that he believed FBI's disclosure of the document was Kennedy's signature was a document, regarding the FBI's policy of releasing the document, signed by a

quest to the telephone company in New York City to lease lines during an FBI investigation of organized racketeering. Mankiewicz said he has seen a copy of this document.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Bishop *MB*

DATE: 6-10-68 *Morrell*

FROM : D. C. Morrell *DCM/gcm*

SUBJECT: *b7(c)*

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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b7(c) A letter dated June 3, 1968, with enclosure, has been received from captioned individual who is not identifiable in Bufiles. *b7(c)* expresses great concern over the current racial situation. She believes the middle-income-bracket taxpayer is being black-mailed by Negroes. In her opinion, elected officials including Mayors and the Governors, are not doing their jobs properly and are "yellow-bellied." She says they not only do not know how to intelligently cope with riots, burnings and lootings, but they just hate to have other cities and states read and hear of such things in their areas. She names Mayor Lindsay as the most flagrant example of this situation and calls him a "nigger lover." She expresses dissent toward the President's riot panel. *b7(c)* would like Mr. Hoover to take time to advise the public of the truth about Martin Luther King. In her opinion he entered into the plot to assassinate himself. She states he was just such an egoist to do such a thing. *D*

RECOMMENDATION:

Since no useful purpose would be served in doing so, it is recommended her letter ^{not} be acknowledged.

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New York, N. Y.,
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June 3, 1968

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Mr. Edgar J. Hoover,
% Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

DATE 2-11-81 BY SP4 JRM/ld

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My dear Mr. Hoovers:

Martin Luther King

At the outset, Mr. Hoover, I want you to know that I am not a crackpot nor a "letter writer." What I am, is a one hundred percent American, and what is going on to-day in this country, is unbelievable.

Personally, I don't have to worry, per se, because I am selling my co-operative apartment, and have already sold every common stock I own, and every mutual fund, and am buying nothing now, but tax free Municipal Bonds, but unfortunately, every individual in this country can't do the same thing, and where I am a middle income bracket person, I was fortunate in my family helping me over a period of years, and have worked myself for about 35 years, but from what I have been seeing over a period of the last few years, the middle-income bracket people - high or low - are the ones who are taking it on the chin from the blackmail, the certain group of coloreds are intimidating our elected and appointed officials with, and they, in turn, are forcing this blackmail on the predominating taxpayer to-day - THE MIDDLE-INCOME BRACKET TAXPAYER, to a point, where if the taxes that have been are are still continuing to be levied on this group, there will be in this country, God forbid, a two-caste population - the low income bracket group who pay little or NOTHING to the government - IN FACT, FOR THE MOST PART ARE WELFARE FREE-LOADERS, and the WEALTHY, and need I tell you, Mr. Hoover, that the Rockefellers, the Kennedys, etc., etc., etc., are not the ones who pay the freight in this country. When it comes to Income Tax Payday, they have a retinue of accountants and tax experts, that know each and every "loop-hole", so called, that will get them off the limb. That's why these wealthy politicians never go into industry - for the reason that industry, too, have a "retinue of accounts and tax experts", that are there for the purpose of going over their expenditures, and that sure would prove fatal to the wealthy politician to-day.

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This blackmail which is being forced on the elected and appointed officials, is passed on to the taxpayer for two reasons, both of which, I know you are aware of. Number one, most of the Mayors and Governors of the cities and states in this country, are yellow-bellied - because they not only don't know how to intelligently take care of these riots, burnings and lootings, but they just HATE TO HAVE OTHER CITIES AND STATES READ OR HEAR OF SUCH CONSISTENT RIOTS, SUCH AS OUR MAYOR LINDSAY WHO IS THE MOST FLAGRANT EXAMPLE OF THE SITUATION. And number two, most of these politicians would just as soon sell their mothers down the river for ONE VOTE, and you and I know this to be true, Mr. Hoover. When I was younger, we had STATESMEN, for the most part, from municipalities to the Federal Government, but to-day, the feeling is, to JUST FORGET YOUR CONSTITUENTS AFTER YOUR ELECTED, and turn to the group or groups who will ADD TO YOUR VOTES WHEN NEXT COMING UP FOR ELECTION.

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New York, N. Y., 10028

CORRESPONDENCE

The most flagrant example of that (and I'm sure you will agree with me, Mr. Hoover, because one in the world knows more about questioning people in illegal, disloyal, & unlawful situations,) is the President's Riot Panel. I know that when President Johnson appointed this group (and I'm sure he did so with unbiased), he felt he was doing this act, for the purpose of getting a REALLY TRUE INDICATION OF THE COLORED SITUATION. I'm also sure, Mr. Hoover that you, knowing the ways of the lawless, was as much taken aback as any decent white person in this entire country. To begin with, take a look at the panel - Mr. Lindsay, who is an established "nigger lover" ONLY BECAUSE HE IS LOOKING FOR AN ADDITIONAL 10% IN VOTES WHICH HE KNOWS HE IS GOING TO LOOSE FAR, FAR MORE IN THE WHITE AREAS, AND HE HAS BEEN AGAINST THE POLICE FORCE EVER SINCE THEY, TOO VOTED AGAINST HIM BECAUSE OF THE CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW BOARD HE TRIED SO HARD TO FORCE DOWN EVERYONE'S THROAT, AND HE NOTED HIS SLIGHT MAJORITY IN HIS ELECTION, THAT HE WOULD DO ANYTHING TO REPAY BOTH THE POLICE FORCE AND THE WHITE VOTERS IN THIS NEW YORK CITY. I ENCLOSE A LETTER I RECEIVED FROM HIS DEPUTY MAYOR, MR. PRICE, IN ANSWER TO MY MANY LETTERS ASKING FOR THE RETURN OF THE CHECK I CONTRIBUTED TO HIS CAMPAIGN FUND. I NEVER WISHED TO VOTE FOR HIM, BUT MY HUSBAND, WHO HAS SINCE PASSED AWAY, TOLD ME I WOULD BE THROWING MY VOTE AWAY TO VOTE FOR MR. BUCKLEY, SO AT THE LAST MOMENT, I NOT ONLY VOTED FOR HIM, BUT MY HUSBAND GAVE ME THE MONEY, THAT I PUT INTO MY CHECKING ACCOUNT AND MAILED HIM THE CHECK FOR HIS CAMPAIGN FUND. THE REPLY FROM MR. PRICE IS SELF-EXPLANATORY.

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I know this is a very long letter about a subject that I haven't started on as yet, but I wanted to tell you something about my background so that you REALLY WOULDN'T THINK I'M A CRACKPOT. Also, please do not think for an instant that what my idea is, has anything to do with an article I understand from personal and business friends, was in a new paper called, I believe, the New York Daily Column, which purported to say that his assassination was brought about by Communists, and in particular, one who was very close to Martin Luther King - and, in fact, wrote his speeches, and were the ones who employed James Earl Ray to assassinate King, and after, spirited him out of this country, or probably killed him already. However, that is not what a group of white people here in this country, believe to be true. I received a letter recently, which asked me to destroy it after I read it (and I did, but why I would never know because there was nothing in the letter that was detrimental to whoever wrote it, nor was it signed. I understand a number of people have either received the same letter, or have heard about its contents, and I felt I should write you because I feel this is a much truer story than the one I understand was in the New York Daily Column. Everyone who has heard of the situation that may have occurred, or read the article in the New York Daily Column, feel both are EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO EVERYONE IN THIS COUNTRY, TO BRING THE TRUTH OUT ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION OF KING, AND TO STOP, ONCE AND FOR ALL, THE BLACKMAIL THEY ARE PILING ON THE POLITICIANS IN THIS COUNTRY, WHO ARE ONLY TOO GLAD TO TURN THE BLACKMAIL INTO EXORBITANT TAXES TO BE PAID BY THE WHITE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY. This letter is, believe me, the most believable, though some people would feel otherwise, that a person would engage in a plan that would result in their own destruction, but as you must know, Mr. Hoover, there are a terrific amount of nuts in this world, that would DO ANYTHING IN THE WORLD, TO GAIN THEIR OBJECTIVE, AND I BELIEVE THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS JUST SUCH AN INDIVIDUAL. TO BEGIN WITH, HE WAS BEING FANTASTICALLY CRITICIZED BY A GREAT NUMBER OF BLACK PEOPLE WHO THOUGHT HE WAS "TOO SOFT", and again there are a tremendous amount of people - black and white - who would do just about anything to gain their goal, whether it be for the purpose of doing something for personal reasons, or for the purpose of achieving a financial gain, and a great many people believe that everything points to just that in the case of King. Not, believe me, that I admire him for that or any other reason, because I have always felt he was a "mealy mouthed liar" of the first order, but he was just that much of an egoist, that he would have done ANYTHING TO PROVE TO HIS CRITICS THAT HE KNEW THE ANSWER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I don't think for an instant, nor do a tremendous amount of other people who have read the New York Daily Column, that King was "one in" by any communist "aide" who may have written his speeches, but RATHER THAN HIS OWN PEOPLE THEY WERE THE SAME ORGANIZATION AS THE ONES WHO ARE GOING TO START BEING TRIED FOR THEIR PLOT TO MURDER SUCH MODERATE LEADERS AS ROY WILKINS, WHITNEY YOUNG, ETC. WE DO NOT SAY THAT IT WAS THE IDENTICAL ORGANIZATION WHO TRIED TO ASSASSINATE THE ABOVE LEADERS, BUT WE DO BELIEVE, MR. HOOVER, THAT WITH THE CONSENT OF KING, HIS ASSASSINATION WAS PURPORTED. I KNOW IT SOUNDS "GOOFY", AND THAT IS WHY I WENT INTO SUCH DETAIL ABOUT MY BACKGROUND SO THAT, AS YOU READ ON, YOU WOULDN'T THINK I WAS A "NUT." I KNOW IT SOUNDS FANTASTIC, BUT EVERYTHING IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD, POINTS TO JUST THAT - THAT KING ENTERED INTO THE PLOT TO ASSASSINATE HIMSELF BECAUSE HIS OWN STATEMENTS WERE SO FAR REMOVED FROM ANYTHING HE HAD EVER MADE, THAT WE JUST SIMPLY CAN'T THINK THIS IS TOO FAR FETCHED.

There have been loads of people in the long, long ago, who gave their lives for an ideal, and even in our own time, there have been any amount of human beings such as Budist priests and nuns, who have set themselves afire, and as I recall it, we have had a few such individuals who destroyed themselves here in this country because of an ideal.

I HAVE SUCH TERRIFIC FAITH IN YOU, MR. HOOVER, AND I KNOW MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE SAME FAITH IN YOU, AND IF ANYONE CAN UNEARTH THIS TRAGEDY TO THE AMERICAN WHITE PEOPLE (AND IT IS ONLY THAT SO THAT THIS BLACKMAIL WHICH HAS INCREASED A THOUSAND FOLD,) CAN GO ON AND ON AND ON. IT WAS MORE THAN BORNE OUT LAST WEEK, WHEN THE WHITE PEOPLE OF APPALACHIA AND THE AMERICAN MEXICANS AND THE AMERICAN INDIANS, OF WHICH THERE IS REALLY JUST A HANDFUL COMPARED TO THE NEGROES, DECIDED THEY WERE GOING TO LEAVE THE MARCH BECAUSE OF THE TREATMENT THEY RECEIVED AT THE HANDS OF THE HEADS OF THE "POOR PEOPLES MARCH - THE NEGROES. ALL OF A SUDDEN, WE ALL READ ABOUT THE APPALACHIAN WHITES, THE AMERICAN MEXICANS AND THE AMERICAN INDIANS, DESCENDING UPON SOME PUBLIC BUILDING IN WASHINGTON, AND NATURALLY CAUSING QUITE A BIT OF DESTRUCTION. IF WE CAN'T READ BETWEEN THOSE LINES, THEN WE DESERVE TO BE BLACKMAILED, BUT IT WAS EVIDENT THAT ABERNATHY, OR ONE OF HIS HENCHMEN, TOLD THIS GROUP THAT THE REASON WHY THEY WERE BEING BADLY TREATED WAS BECAUSE THEY (THE COLORED) FELT THEY WEREN'T CONTRIBUTING TO THE DISORDER. BECAUSE OF THIS, I HAVE JUST WRITTEN TO THE "SAVE THE CHILDREN" ORGANIZATION, WHO ARE ALWAYS ASKING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THEIR CHILDREN WHO HAVEN'T ENOUGH CLOTHING TO GO TO ANY SCHOOL, THAT I HAD LEFT, IN MY WILL, THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000 AND THE SAME AMOUNT FOR A SOUTH KOREAN CHILD'S ORGANIZATION, AND STILL ANOTHER, BUT SINCE I READ ABOUT THEIR RAISING HELL AT THE INSTIGATION OF THESE NIGGERS IN THE POOR PEOPLE'S PARADE, I WAS HAVING MY ATTORNEY, ELIMINATE THESE THREE BENEFITS: Of course, Mr. Hoover, I haven't done any such thing, but I think someone should help to keep these good people in the same attitude they have always been in, that is, without riotous destruction, but that by this time, they should have their representatives, in all three groups, and they should surely have representatives by this time - don't tell me it's ONLY THE NEGROES THAT THE CIVIL RIGHTS LAW IS SUPPOSED TO EMBRACE, SPEAK UP IN THEIR BEHALF.

It is for this reason, Mr. Hoover, that I take up your very precious time, to ask that you give this matter your very wholehearted attention, because I just FEEL THAT THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING THIS PREMISE HAVE MUCH, MORE MORE ON THE BALL, THAT THE ONES WHO ARE GOING BY THE ARTICLE IN THE NEW YORK DAILY COLUMN, AND YOU WILL BE DOING YOUR COUNTRY, MR. HOOVER, THE GREATEST SERVICE ANY SERVANT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT, TO YOUR COUNTRY, TO FERRET OUT THIS SITUATION, AND MAKE IT KNOWN, SO THAT THEIR BLACKMAIL OF THE WHITE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY, AREN'T, IN ORDER, NOT ONLY BLACKMAILED BY THE "LIBERAL MULTI-MILLIONAIRE" POLITICIANS, BUT DON'T FIND THEMSELVES WITHOUT A DIME IN THEIR PAYCHECK EVERY WEEK. I, FOR ONE, WOULD JUST LOVE TO KNOCK THE HELL OUT OF THAT LYING B*****D KING, AND THE STORY THAT HE VIRTUALLY DIED A PAUPER. IF ANYONE KNEW JUST WHERE, WHEN AND WHAT ORGANIZATION OR BANK TO LOOK, THEY WOULD FIND, I AM SURE, THAT HE TURNED EVERYTHING OVER TO HIS WIFE. MOST SINCERELY,

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Start Trial of "Black Power School" Aid

Selection of a jury began today in Queens Supreme Court in the trial of two men accused of plotting the murder of several moderate Negro leaders, including Roy Wilkins and Whitney Young.

Accused of conspiracy to commit murder, criminal anarchy and conspiracy to commit criminal anarchy are Herman B. Ferguson, 46, a suspended assistant school principal and Arthur Harris, 22.

Candidate For Senate

Ferguson yesterday was designated as candidate for the U. S. Senate in New York State by the Peace and Freedom Party, which chose Dr. Benja-

min Spock as its presidential nominee. Harris is Ferguson's campaign manager.

Ferguson and Harris were among 18 Negroes — alleged members of the Revolutionary Action Movement — arrested last June 21 in the alleged conspiracy. At the time of his arrest, Ferguson was an assistant principal at PS 40 in Queens, a post from which he was suspended. Later, he was hired as a paid adviser to the governing board of IS 201, an experimental school in Harlem.

He lost the IS 201 job there after he allegedly urged some 600 persons attending a Malcolm X memorial program in the school last Feb. 21 to arm them-

selves for "self-defense" against whites and to practice using the weapons so they'd be ready when "hunting season" came.

Father of Four

Ferguson is the father of four children and lives at 122-39 157th St., Jamaica, Queens. Harris's home address is 122-08 153rd St., also in Jamaica.

When he came to court today, Ferguson, free on \$10,000 bail, said he was "quite serious about this candidacy" for the Senate. He also said he did not know whether Dr. Spock was aware he had been named to run on the same ticket. The famous pediatrician is now on trial in Boston for allegedly urging

young men to resist. Ferguson's attorney, Gene Ann Gordon, a Supreme Court Justice, delay the start of the cause she was challenging the constitutionality of the charge in the federal court. The motion was denied.

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Panama City, Florida 32401

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 28th has been received and I want to thank you for your kind comments concerning my work.

In response to your inquiry as to whether or not Martin Luther King was a communist, information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Dr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Hoover,

In the section of Florida where I live there has never been a great deal of admiration of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The same kind of hatred which tragically took his life still exists in our community, not even death has been able to erase that. More and more I hear allegations that he was a communist. The recent column by Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson only brought more attention to the allegation. I do not know, but would like very much to have a word from you on the matter. Was he listed with the F.B.I. as a communist? To your knowledge were his speeches written by a communist, as Drew Pearson alleges? If so, who was the alleged communist speech writer? Does the F.B.I. have records on him to prove that he was a communist? I am weary of the accusations, and want to hear from your much-respected Bureau on this matter. A word from your organization would be greatly appreciated.

With highest praises for you and the F.B.I., I am

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Respectfully Yours,

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[REDACTED]
Oak Hill, West Virginia 25901

b7(c) Dear [REDACTED]

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I have received your letter of June 2nd, with enclosure. While I would like to be of assistance to you, information concerning possible communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I cannot be of help in this instance.

In view of the concern you expressed, I am enclosing some material relating to communism I trust will be of aid to you.

This Bureau does not have a list for distribution such as you requested; however, you may wish to secure a copy of "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. In it are listed some of the groups and periodicals which have been cited by various state and Federal agencies, and a copy of it can be purchased for seventy cents from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402. Checks or money orders should be drawn payable to the Superintendent of Documents. C. O. D. orders will not be accepted.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (2)

Director's Testimony 2-16-67 re Communist Influence in Racial Matters
A Statement on Communism 3-27-67

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[REDACTED]
Oak Hill, W. Va. 25961
June 2, 1968.

Hon. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau Investigation
Washington, D2C.

Dear Sir,

I have received the enclosed card and would like to know if the information on the back of the card is authentic. Also was Dr. Martin Luther King just a member of the class or was he a Communist taking training? Was he one of the teachers in this school? Or was he planted there to collect information for your office or any other patriotic organization?

I am very much concerned about the future of America. I give talk to many organizations in behalf of National Defense. In this capacity I do not want to give out wrong information.

In my research I have found much to make one believe that Dr. Martin Luther King was not the peace loving person one would have us believe.

Several years ago I had a copy of the report from your office on Un-American Activities. I would appreciate it if you would send me a recent copy of this report.

Looking forward to an early reply,

Yours truly,

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A Training School For Communists



Identifications

The picture on the other side was made at Highlander Folk School during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. Attentive pupils identified by the numbers are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr. The association indicated here is not unusual for Dr. King, who belongs to several important Communist front organizations, and who regularly employs or affiliates with known Communists.
2. Abner W. Berry, of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Communist front, the Southern Conference Educational Fund.
4. Myles Horton, Director of the Highlander Folk School (for Communist Training), Monteagle, Tennessee. This school was later closed down by the State of Tennessee, but an offspring is now thriving in Knoxville.

These postcards (No. CR2) are available at any American Opinion Library, at 20 cards for \$1.00; or directly by mail, postage paid, from

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May 29, 1968

[REDACTED]
Germantown, Tennessee 38038

Dear **[REDACTED]**

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Your letter was received on May 27th, and I want to thank you for your kind comments regarding my work.

In response to your inquiry concerning Martin Luther King, information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

I am enclosing some literature which I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Enclosures (3)

An Analysis of the New Left: A Gospel of Nihilism
Turbulence on the Campus
LEB Introduction, 2/67

NOTE: Bufiles reflect an outgoing 12/1/64 thanking **[REDACTED]** and her husband for their favorable remarks concerning the Director's press conference. "The Councilor" is the official journal of the Citizens Council of Louisiana, Inc., and is edited by Ned Touchstone, who in 1963 was a member of the Ku Klux Klan. He has been critical of the Bureau. "The Councilor" has not been investigated. Date of incoming not utilized in reply as incoming dated March 25th (apparently she meant May 25th.)

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March 25, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Quoting from a recent article in a small publication concerning the connection of Dr. Martin Luther King with a car theft ring operating in ~~Georgia and South Carolina~~:

"He referred to the item placed in the Congressional record on March 30, 1966 showing that King was a car thief, and to stories in THE COUNCILOR on May 6 and July 28, 1966 about the car thefts."

Would it be possible to tell me if this accusation is true? If it is true, it seems that a mammoth deception is being perpetrated upon the American people in not exposing this man.

I am in charge of a program on July 9 for my church, [REDACTED], entitled "These Revolting Students." I find myself in continual disagreement with our Church publications. Could you give me your opinion on why students are revolting?"

Thank you for your many years of dedicated service to this country.

Very truly,

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CORRESPONDENCE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM : *W* SAC, ATLANTA (100-5586) (C)

SUBJECT: *0* MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;
SCLC - RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: Atlanta)

DATE: 6/5/68

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Enclosed for the Bureau in one copy of a letter bearing the letterhead of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D.C., 20201, Office of the Secretary.

On 5/20/68, the enclosed memorandum, bearing the letterhead of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, was received in the Macon Resident Agency by mail from a [REDACTED] Atlanta, Georgia. [REDACTED] who is a government employee with the HEW in Atlanta, furnished the enclosed memorandum with no explanation. [REDACTED] has written numerous communications to the Macon Resident Agency bearing information of no value or interest to the Bureau containing information relative to her personal life and observations. [REDACTED] is considered to be of doubtful mental competence, and the information she has furnished to the Atlanta Office in the past has been unreliable and of no interest to the Bureau.

The Atlanta Office, after determining [REDACTED] value, has ceased submitting information she has supplied the Atlanta Office to the Bureau; however, because the enclosed memorandum contains the reflections and observations by a Departmental head of the Executive Branch of Government concerning the captioned subject's great vision and integrity, the Atlanta Office is of the opinion that the enclosure may be of interest to the Bureau.

It should be noted that the memorandum bears no Government water marking and appears to be a reproduction. The possibility exists that the enclosure's authenticity may be in question.

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Atlanta is not considering contacting [REDACTED] ^{b7(c)}
in view of her unreliability in the past. Atlanta is conducting no further inquiry in this matter.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

TO ALL EMPLOYEES OF HEW

Dr. Martin Luther King, a man of great vision and integrity, dedicated his life to bringing justice, love and dignity to all people. It is this spirit that lies behind all our work in HEW.

Dr. King understood that the pursuit of life and liberty was not always going to be a happy one. But he strove to insure that Americans would pursue that course, keeping their eyes on the goals before them. The non-violence within the framework of law which he consistently espoused helped to keep him, and all of us who share his beliefs, focused on that goal which is at the heart of this country.

It is my hope that all of us in this Department, which is so essential to the dreams for which Martin Luther King lived and died, will also be able to keep our eyes upon the common goal. His mission, and our mission, is the removal of all of those conditions which blight the human spirit, limit the potential of each individual, and impair human dignity.

We may take a great lesson from Dr. King's example, his goal, and above all, from the integrity with which he followed his course. The work is sometimes very hard; it is often very frustrating. But we are making progress. And we must continue, now with even deeper commitment.

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[REDACTED]
Antigo, Wisconsin 54409

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 23rd has been received.

In response to your inquiry as to whether or not Martin Luther King was a communist, information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

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All the press, Radio & T. V. Newscasts & so on have lauded Mr. King for his "Non Violenc" integration Policies: I have been reading materials, "American Opinion" for one that tells of all the Communist front organizations that he belonged to. 80 or more. All his talk & so on and when he had the people sufficiently riled up he would leave town with his peaceful co-existence.

I would like to know if all this is true of Mr. King and his Organizations and if so why the News Media continues to make a Martyr of him. He even talked of Chrisitians & did not believe in the resurrection of Jesus.

Sincerely,

Antigo, Wics. 54409

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June 5, 1968

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Center Line, Michigan 48015

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of May 31st has been received.

It was thoughtful of you to furnish me your views
on the matter you mentioned, and you may be assured that this
Bureau will make every effort to carry out this investigation with
the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch.

Sincerely yours,

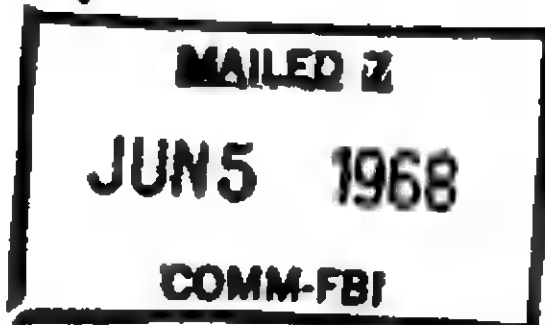
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

Since up to now, nobody has found the assassin of that very lovable DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, may I suggest that your organization might try and seek out a PLASTIC SURGEON?

Is it not possible that such a Surgeon might have been a party to this murder, who immediately after the murder of Dr. King, transformed the facial features of the assassin?

It seems that this murderer, could/^{not} escape detection for so long, unless such an operation HAS taken place.

If this suggestion is worth any part of the reward which is available for ~~his~~ information leading to his capture, it will be appreciated, but if it isn't worth a dime, please do what you can to find an associate PLASTIC SURGEON. 19

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Most sincerely yours, — —

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Center Line, Michigan 48015

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June 4, 1968

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Springfield, Vermont 05158

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 29th, with enclosures, has been received and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write and furnish me your comments on the matter you mentioned.

Although I would like to be of assistance with respect to your inquiry, information in our files cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

In response to your request, I am sending some material on the general topic of communism which includes suggestions all of us can use in combating this evil.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)

Communism and the Knowledge to Combat It!
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Statement on Communism, 3-27-67

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Gentlemen:

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I realize I may not be writing to the proper place and am sorry if I am wasting your time but I have no idea where to start.

I am very disturbed about the enclosed clippings as I am a member of the Baptist Church and am ashamed to see them support such an unamerican cause. I know what kind of a man Martin Luther King was but would like to know how to tell other people. Can you give me any information I can give out or can you refer me to another Department. I am no public speaker anyway but would like information I can give to individuals. Perhaps booklets on communism would help although I guess you can't really use that in this case.

Perhaps I am asking for the impossible but I hate to see so many people misled by a man who has done more to harm the country than anyone else.

Very truly yours,

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Springfield, VT 05156

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May 29, 1968

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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To Mrs. Coretta King

The following message was sent to Mrs. King by the Rev. James L. Young, president of the Vermont Baptist State Convention:

My dear Mrs. King:

On behalf of the Baptists of the state of Vermont, I express our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family at this great tragedy.

Your husband was truly a twentieth century prophet, one of the great prophets of the ages. He died as he lived for his deep Christian convictions.

Neither the nation nor the world can afford his death at this time. His loss, while felt most deeply by you who know him best, is nevertheless a loss for all mankind.

We join you in mourning his death. We also pledge ourselves to do all in our power to overcome the evil forces which caused his death.

May God strengthen you in this time of grief.

Sincerely,

James L. Young
President

Vermont Baptist
State Convention

Baptist News Section/June, 1968

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King Memorial Fund

American Baptists are establishing the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Fund, of which half will be used in support of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the other half, special projects in the inner-cities crisis of America.

Word has been received from the Rev. Charles N. Forsberg, executive minister of the Ministers Council of the American Baptist Convention, that one church has voted to give \$500

from its Deacon Fund, and another church will ask its people to contribute \$1,000 in addition to its pledges to the World Mission Campaign. The Central Baptist Church in Wayne, Pa., voted Sunday, April 21, to mortgage its church property, if needed, to establish a \$100,000 fund to be used in the Philadelphia area.

Money can be sent directly to Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Fund, American Baptist Convention, Valley Forge, Pa. 19481 or through church treasurers. If sent through church treasurers, it is credited to the church's mission support. Checks should be made payable to the American Baptist Convention and clearly marked for the King Memorial Fund.

June 5, 1968

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S. J. Moore
C. D. Berman

[REDACTED]

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15216

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 31st, with enclosure, has been received.

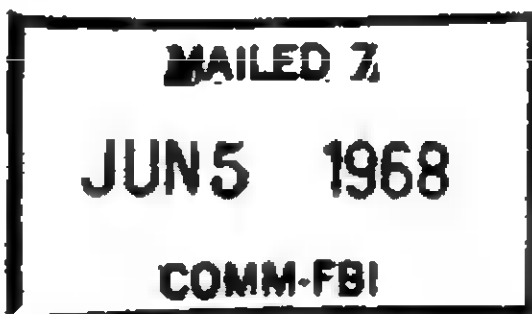
In response to your inquiry as to whether or not Martin Luther King was a communist, information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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6076 J. Smith



NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. The woman who appeared on a local radio station referred to by correspondent is probably Miss Lola Belle Holmes, who was an informant from 1956 - 1963. However, as incoming did not name her, reference is not being made to her in reply.

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Pittsburgh, Pa. 15216
May 31, 1968

Edgar Hoover, Director of
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is an article I cut out of the May 31, 1968 issue
of the "Wall Street Journal."

Several weeks ago a colored woman appeared on a local
radio station, saying she was an undercover agent for the F.B.I.
She said specifically that Martin Luther King was a Communist.
When the remark was challenged she said she had proof, and also
that the Government was aware of the fact that he was a Communist.

If you have proof of this, why has it never been published
by you or the government. Why do we shield Communists - why did
Humphrey and the Kennedys attend his funeral. Why would any United
States Congressman favor a memorial to a Communist.

If he is NOT a Communist, why did a picture appear in
many small newspapers showing him with Gus Hall and many dedicated
Communists. Is this all propaganda or is there some truth to
the statements and the picture. Martin Luther King never denied
he was a Communist. Once and for all, I would like to know the
truth.

Certainly, the trend toward Communism in this country
is strong, and anything you can do or say, must be done at once.

I would very much appreciate hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

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IDEAS MULTIPLY for memorials to Martin Luther King. The National Association for Community Development calls for a coin carrying his likeness. Some Congressmen favor a special medal honoring King. Letters to Congress propose a national holiday on his birthday.

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Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Dear [REDACTED]

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In response to your letter of May 31st concerning
Martin Luther King, information in our files must be maintained
as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department
of Justice. Consequently, you can be assured that no FBI report
regarding him was ever published as you indicated.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles show that correspondent was the attorney for a defendant in
an impersonation case [REDACTED] We have no derogatory infor-
mation concerning him and have had no prior correspondence with him.
Correspondent may be referring to remarks made by Congressman George W.
Andrews of Alabama who had inserted in the Congressional Record of 8-25-66
remarks concerning Martin Luther King. In his comments Mr. Andrews
stated that "Martin Luther King is the same man that Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
described as being 'the most notorious liar in America.'" Congressman
Andrews was referring at the time to conditions in Chicago as being similar
to those in Selma and stated further that he had an idea "Mayor Daley is
inclined to agree with Mr. Hoover." Congressman Andrews at that point
included in the Congressional Record an article from the Wall Street Journal
dated 8-24-66 concerning Martin Luther King. There is no mention of the
Director or the Bureau in that article.

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MEMPHIS 3, TENNESSEE

May 31, 1968

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Pennsylvania and Ninth Streets
Washington, D. C. 20535

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Dear Sir:

I am informed that a report of your Department
pertaining to Martin Luther King, Jr., was inserted in
the Congressional Record of August, 1966.

Could you please furnish us a copy of this
report. We will reimburse your Department for any ex-
pense in connection therewith.

Respectfully yours,

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"SELMA IN CHICAGO"

(Mr. GEORGE W. ANDREWS (at the request of Mr. HANSEN of Iowa) was granted permission to extend his remarks at this point in the Record and to include extraneous matter.)

Mr. GEORGE W. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, there appeared in the August 24 issue of the Wall Street Journal, an article written by Mr. Peter H. Prugh entitled, "Selma in Chicago."

Mr. Prugh describes the activities of Martin Luther King. This is the same man—King—who was described by former President Harry Truman as being a troublemaker. When asked by a reporter why he described King as a troublemaker, the former President replied:

Because he causes trouble wherever he goes.

The truth of the words of Mr. Truman have been borne out because since Martin Luther King went to Chicago there has certainly been trouble in that city.

Martin Luther King is the same man that Mr. J. Edgar Hoover described as being "the most notorious liar in America."

Mr. Hoover made that statement in November 1963, and as of today—August 25, 1966—Mr. Hoover has not retracted that statement.

I have an idea that Mayor Daley is inclined to agree with Mr. Hoover.

I insert the article referred to in the Record at this point:

[From the Wall Street Journal, Aug. 24, 1966]

SELMA IN CHICAGO?—CIVIL RIGHTS MARCHERS HIT A NERVE IN NORTH: OPEN HOUSING

(By Peter H. Prugh)

CHICAGO.—Flying bricks and the taunts of white mobs are demonstrating that the Rev. Martin Luther King's civil rights drive here has probably stirred up the real fighting issue in race relations today—and some hard-nosed opposition.

The issue is open housing and the opposition comes from white residents of neat working class neighborhoods (in Chicago, many are made up of strong ethnic groups), where residents and realtors are allied in keeping the areas lily white.

These neighborhoods the past several weeks have been the settings for an unusual spectacle—one that has been more frightening in the potential for mass violence between the races than rioting in Negro ghettos earlier in the summer or some of the bitter clashes of Selma and Birmingham.

Sidewalk marches by civil rights demonstrators have brought an almost unbelievable reaction from the whites, scary headlines and scores of arrests and injuries. The American Nazi Party and other extremist groups have invaded Chicago to capitalize on the unrest, with the Nazis threatening demonstrations in Negro slums. Police Supt. O. W. Wilson has raised the spectre of large-scale battles between Negroes and whites, publicly warning that violence could get out of hand; about 7,000 policemen have been put on special alert. Late last week the city took an unusual step in seeking to limit marches by court injunction.

The backlash in the lower income white neighborhoods here, coming not long after

widespread rioting in Negro slums of Chicago and other Northern cities, is alienating Northern supporters of civil rights causes. Many Northerners who trumpeted their support of civil rights drives in the South are, rightly or wrongly, now blaming Dr. King for the agitation in their own backyards.

Whatever assessment is eventually given to Martin Luther King's invasion of the North, the recent events have put life into his Chicago drive, which had been faltering for lack of a clear issue, or for "culprits." The unrelenting pressure of rights marches into one new white area after another has forced city and civic leaders to confer on a near-emergency basis and seek a peaceful solution of Negro grievances—with an air of doing almost anything to stop the marches and the potential threat of uncontrollable violence.

At one recent meeting between Mayor Richard J. Daley, Dr. King, real estate industry representatives, religious leaders and others, the Chicago Real Estate Board agreed to withdraw all opposition to "the philosophy of open occupancy (laws) at the state level," provided they apply to owners as well as real estate brokers. Ben W. Heineman, chairman of the Chicago & North Western Railway and moderator of the meeting, termed this a "major concession." But Dr. King said that this and other commitments by city officials, the Chicago Mortgage Bankers Association and others "weren't massive enough." To Mayor Daley's obvious discomfort, Dr. King said that civil rights marches would continue.

The ability of Dr. King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference to dramatize issues with well-disciplined nonviolent demonstrations, evoking violent reaction from Southern white segregationists, has long been recognized. The use of such techniques in the North, however, had generally been laughed off.

Civil rights demonstrations are difficult to adapt to the North because "most of the obstacles Northern Negroes face aren't found in the laws or official policies, but are evasive and informal practices which are very difficult to attack," Stanley Lieberson, a University of Wisconsin sociologist, recently commented. Chicago, for instance, has open housing laws, but discriminatory practices are widespread.

Before the demonstrations, "nobody was willing to admit that in the North people hate more than they do in the South," says the Rev. William Briggs, a white Congregational minister active in Dr. King's movement here. Newspaper photos and television film clips showing jeering white mobs with signs such as "Up With Slavery," "Exterminate the Black Plague" and "Wallace for President" shattered many such illusions. Since the demonstrations began, Negroes driving or walking through these neighborhoods with no connection with the marches have also been attacked by whites.

As with Southern demonstrations on voting rights and public accommodations, the King forces here have tried to identify their cause with basic rights most other Americans take for granted—the right of Negroes to buy or rent housing wherever they can afford it. It's a "very conservative" demand, contends the Rev. James Bevel, a toughly eloquent SCLC aide. Many real estate firms however, base opposition to open housing laws on the right of a person to sell property to whomever he chooses and on hostile white attitudes toward integrated neighborhoods.

Most of the residents of the areas where the marches occur aren't directly involved in the violence. As the demonstrators go by, many white property owners stand silently on their lawns or porches or look sadly out of their windows at the march and the jeering whites.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL

Related to the demonstrations is the fact that the U.S. Senate early next month will

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begin considering the 1966 civil rights bill already passed by the House and including a watered-down housing provision. Much credit for successful passage of earlier civil rights legislation has gone to Dr. King's demonstrations in the South and the resulting white violence, which caught the consciences of many white people, liberal and conservative alike, in other sections of the country. "Jim Clark helped get us the voting rights bill," says a Chicago civil rights worker, referring to the sheriff of Dallas County, Ala., who brutally opposed the Selma demonstrations in 1965. White violence here may do the same in 1966.

The SCLC says open housing demonstrations here have been focused on areas where adequate housing is available at a cost well within the reach of many Negro families now living in slum areas. However, some SCLC workers also admit that areas are being chosen where violent white reactions are expected.

This fact has been grasped by certain elements in the neighborhoods where demonstrations have taken place or are scheduled. During a march in Jefferson Park, where many of the residents are of Polish, German, and Italian descent, signs carried by residents urged people to "hoot" and "jeer," but not to use violence.

"The civil rights marchers are hoping to provoke incidents," proclaimed a newspaper editorial in the white industrial suburb of Cicero, where rights workers are slated to march this weekend. "The leaders of the movement, representing only a small percentage of the Negro community, feed on publicity and help to inflame others of that race and their sympathizers," the editorial stated. It called for "empty streets" if rights marchers come to Cicero, notorious as gangster Al Capone's home base and all but forgotten elsewhere as the scene of anti-Negro violence 15 years ago. (Richard B. Ogilvie, Cook County sheriff, warned that a rights march in Cicero would make previous white violence in Chicago "look like a tea party.")

The rights demonstrations are also aimed at Mayor Daley's powerful Democratic organization and Chicago's highly civic-minded business community. The demonstrations "are threatening existing political alliances," Dr. King recently noted in reference to the traditional alliance between Chicago Negro and white Democratic Party groups. The SCLC feels that the "vested interests" will eventually decide to negotiate with civil rights leaders rather than face a collapse of this alliance.

THERAPEUTIC VALUE?

Civil rights leaders here also see some sort of therapeutic value in bringing out the ugly white reaction. "The woman who stood with her kids on the corner and swore a blue streak" at the marchers is "making an honest confession of her hate, fear and distrust," explains Mr. Briggs. He indicates that this sort of "confession" is essential before many of the racial problems of the North can be solved.

Nevertheless, the demonstrations have met with far from unanimous support from civil rights, religious and labor leaders. "Any Chicagoan could have advised Dr. King that the Selma technique was not suited" to the Windy City, comments Roy Wilkins, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "Nothing has come of it except a hardening of attitudes."

Chicago's Roman Catholic Archbishop John P. Cody, a supporter of the Chicago civil rights movement, has asked that the demonstrations be ended "at this time" even though the right "to march and demonstrate is in itself beyond question." The United Auto Workers also has pressured the King organization to end demonstrations. Charles Chlakulla, regional director of the AFL-CIO's industrial union depart-

ment, which is helping Chicago civil rights groups organize tenant unions, notes that many clergymen, labor leaders and other whites, who supported civil rights demonstrations in the South, back down when marches are held in their home ground.

It remains to be seen whether Martin Luther King's drive in Chicago, which he pictures as a "pilot project" for the North, will have the success or win the same wide support as the marches in Selma or other parts of the South. Likewise it's an open question whether the drive will strengthen or weaken civil rights legislation in Congress this fall, or succeed in opening many all-white areas to Negroes.

In early July, however, Dr. King led 10,000 marchers on city hall here to demand an "open city" and met with general apathy and indifference. Jeers and bricks show that this has all changed. The issues are now clearer, and battle lines are drawn, and it is precisely in this type of situation that Dr. King's methods have proven most effective in the past.

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[Redacted address block]

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15217

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of May 28th has been received.

In response to your inquiry as to whether or not
Martin Luther King was a communist, information of this nature,
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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15217
May 28, 1968

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been hearing from a number of sources the allegation that the late Dr. Martin Luther King was a card-carrying member of the Communist Party. According to some of these sources, this "fact" is a matter of record in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Pennsylvania State Police, and other law-enforcement agencies throughout the United States.

It is my opinion that this matter should be clarified in one way or another. The American public should know that the late Dr. King was either a member of the Communist Party, or he was not. Rumors such as the ones I have been hearing should not be permitted to circulate without being challenged.

I respectfully request that you advise me as to the veracity of the rumors I have been hearing. Was the late Dr. Martin Luther King a card-carrying member of the Communist Party?

Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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Sincerely yours,

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June 4, 1968

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Glen Allen, Virginia 23060

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 29th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, the FBI has never made any statements to the effect that Martin Luther King was a communist or had any communist affiliations. Information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing to you as President of the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] pertaining to The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr.

Will you please verify for me, if and when Dr. King was placed on the list of known Communists in this country by the F. B. I. Also, if there has ever been published or information released by the F. B. I. that he was a "fellow traveler" or connected with the Communist in any manner.

Thank you very kindly.

Sincerely yours,

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16 JUN 6 1968

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 5-31-68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages E4783-E4788. Congressman Rarick, (D) Louisiana, stated "Church League of America, 422 North Prospect Street, Wheaton, Ill., in its News and Views Report for May 1968, has issued a 55-page comprehensive documentary on M. L. King, Jr., entitled, 'His Three Pronged Attack On: 1. Christ and the Bible, 2. The United States of America, 3. Law and Order.' He included portions of the report with his remarks. This material contained information regarding announcements made by King which included the following: "Was critical of the F.B.I. especially in Albany, Georgia. In a sermon delivered November 15, in New York City King is quoted as saying that reports of alleged Southern outrages against Negroes filed with the F.B.I. 'produced no action.' - - - J. Edgar Hoover told a House Appropriations Committee that communists are infiltrating the Civil Rights movement. King said that that statement was a smear and that Hoover 'has allowed himself to aid and abet the fallacious claim of Southern racists and extreme right wing elements.'"

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Mr. Conrad	✓
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Mr. Gale	✓
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Miss Gandy	✓

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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK

JUSTICE DEPT DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WASHDC

REC-106

HOW MANY TIME MUST THE POSITIVE ID AND INFORMANTION HEARD ON
RADIO PRIOR TO MARTIN LUTHER KING ASSISINATION BE SENT TO YOUR
OFFICE AND NOT RECEIVED? THE SLIGHTEST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT?

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 6076

FROM : N. P. Callahan

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DATE 2-11-84 BY SP4JML/LL

Pages H4358-H4359. Congressmen Resnick, (D) New York; Joelson, (D) New Jersey; and Smith, (D) Iowa, spoke concerning invasion of privacy and wiretapping. Mr. Resnick commented on recent disclosures in columns by Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson that former Attorney General Robert Kennedy had ordered a tap placed on the phone of Martin Luther King. He stated "The fact that a high-ranking public official—a member of the President's Cabinet—legally could, and actually would, order the FBI to bug the telephone of a distinguished American like Dr. King is an affront to the causes to which Dr. King dedicated his life. Even more important, however, it clearly illustrates how easily the power to tap a telephone—even when legally granted—can be abused and diverted from its primary intention. - - - These disclosures constitute the strongest arguments I can think of to back up the present Attorney General, Mr. Ramsey Clark, in his support of the administration's proposed antiwiretap bill." Mr. Resnick pointed out that so far the only reply to the charges is a statement issued by the press secretary of the person involved. Mr. Resnick stated "I suggest a hearing under oath, at which the person directly concerned here can testify fully about his role in this disgraceful affair, which discredits him and demeans the office that was used for this purpose." Mr. Joelson stated "If an Attorney General can tap a wire without any court order, merely on his own say-so, then the right of privacy as we have known it in this country is dead and gone. This statute should be looked into." Mr. Smith stated "I happen to be one who thinks wiretapping should be legalized in some individual cases involving serious crimes and only by court order. - - - I think this is one thing we need to deal with in this Congress before we go home. It will be part of the crime bill coming over from the Senate and I hope we very carefully provide the proper conditions under which wiretapping will be permitted and that we protect against abuses in the future such as it is alleged have occurred in the past."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE:

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages E4750-E4754 Congressman Barick, (D) Louisiana, stated more and more documentation on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference—SCLC—continues to be brought to light. The leaders of this mockery of names and titles must be exposed for what they are so that our people knowing y will never be duped into emotional submission. Mr. Barick inserted in the Record a report from the American Opinion magazine entitled The King and His Communists by Alan Stan, and an article from the May 1956 issue of Time entitled Challenging The Pharaoh. The report states Ladies and gentlemen, the time has come. J. Edgar Hoover is wrong. Martin Luther King isn't the most notorious liar in the country. He is the biggest. He isn't notorious enough. That this man can not be only tolerated, but honored and admired, quoted and consulted—by the President of the United States—is a travesty compared with which that semis of the innocent known as Earl Warren can seriously be called a judge.

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TO :

Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 28, 1968

FROM :

T. E. Bishop

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DATE 2-11-81 BY SP4 JRM/ld

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF WIRETAPS AND MICROPHONES
BY ROBERT F. KENNEDY

Mr. Carl Greenburg, Political Editor of the Los Angeles Times, called shortly after 2 p.m. today and advised that the Los Angeles Times had just been furnished a statement by Frank Mankiewicz, Press Secretary to Senator Kennedy. According to Mr. Greenburg, this statement related to Drew Pearson's claim that Senator Kennedy authorized FBI bugging or wiretapping of Martin Luther King. Mr. Greenburg said that he wished the Bureau to have the benefit of this statement and also would appreciate any comment the Director might wish to make concerning it.

Mr. Greenburg was advised that the FBI had made no comment whatsoever regarding Drew Pearson's article. He did ask, however, if at all possible the attached statement be brought to Mr. Hoover's attention personally because as he said he was "more brutal" in his opinion than anything Kennedy had previously said concerning this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that "no comment" be made concerning the attached Kennedy statement and that Mr. Greenburg be so advised by my office.

Enclosure

ENCLOSURE

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enc.
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enc.
- 1 - Mr. Jones - Enc.

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"Senator Kennedy has continuously stated that at no time while he was Attorney General did he approve or authorize any electronic surveillances of anyone. Pursuant to policies in effect since President Roosevelt's Executive Order of 1940, he did, as Attorney General, approve a limited number of wiretaps in national security cases but, on each occasion, only at the written request of the FBI. Since leaving the Department of Justice, Senator Kennedy has not discussed any particular individual case and he will not do so now.

"It is unfortunate that Drew Pearson is permitting himself to be used in J. Edgar Hoover's continuing campaign against Martin Luther King --- now apparently against the memory of Martin Luther King.

"The information that Pearson discusses in his column from the alleged surveillance was developed, according to him, in 1968, two Attorneys General and one President later and well after President Johnson's order forbidding such practices."

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Norwalk, Connecticut 06851

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Dear [REDACTED]

While I would like to be of assistance in response to your letter of May 29th, with enclosure, concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King and others, information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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May 29, 1968

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Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a post card, which, I do beleive to be
factual -

I would like to know from your Department if these people
are correctly identified -

Can you tell me if there is further information available
to the public concerning the background of these people as I would like
to use it in my seventh grade Social Studies class.

Sincerely,

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June 3, 1968

EX 106

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[REDACTED]
Paducah, Kentucky 42001

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Dear [REDACTED]

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DATE 2-11-81 BY SP4JAM/ML
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Your letter of May 27th has been received.

In response to your request concerning communist activities or affiliations of Martin Luther King, information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance.

As you may know, UNESCO is affiliated with the United Nations and I have referred your inquiry to The Honorable, The Secretary of State, Washington, D. C. 20520, for any assistance he may be able to render.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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DATE 2-12-87 BY SPJ/DMH

My Dear Mr. Hoover;

Please send as soon as possible
any and all information you have that
Martin Luther King had in dealing with
Communism.

2 weeks ago my children brought
(from school) home their Weekly Reader, which I'm
sure you're familiar with. This Weekly
Reader had on back a large picture
of King saying below it, How great he
was etc. To me this is brainwashing
our children. As I know he was an
agitator & did have communist in his S.C.C.
Such as Hunter Pitts O'ell, And many others.

Maybe you are reluctant to let
out such information. But how else
can we fight Communism if we do not
have proof. We must know our enemies.
I have the school board ready and
eager to hear my proof. Please help
me in this!!

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We cannot allow our children to be taught such in school. Also there is quite a big question about UNESCO.

Please send anything you can to support me. As I have four children, and would rather do anything than leave this country a communistic place for them. While we still can, let's do all we can to rid the United States of Subversion and brain washing in our public schools. Because our youth of today is the leaders of tomorrow.

Again Please Help,
Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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May 27 - 1968

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Paducah, Ky - 42001

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[REDACTED]
Evanston, Illinois 60202

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 24th, with enclosure, has
been received.

With respect to the statements in the document
you forwarded concerning Martin Luther King, information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot
be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding
all matters of a confidential nature. In view of this, it is not
possible for me to comment as you desire.

As to your other request, it is contrary to my
long-standing policy to evaluate material not prepared by per-
sonnel of this Bureau.

Your enclosure is being returned as requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect previous outgoing to [REDACTED] on
7/23/51, at which time he was thanked for bringing to the Director's
attention some quotes attributed to him. He was furnished the cor-
rect source of these quotes. We have had limited but cordial corre-
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[REDACTED]
Evanston, Illinois
60201

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May 24, 1968

Gentlemen:

Martin Luther King

I am trying with a church group to arrive at a balanced picture of the truth out of a virtual avalanche of viewpoints disseminated.

We would be greatly helped if you would comment on the marked portion in the enclosed "Washington Observer," whether it is essentially true, or what, or whether in this case the "confidential F.B.I. report" was a collection of hear-say allegations, rumor, etc. before screening or investigation. (Kindly return the copy if possible.)

We'd also appreciate having your general evaluation of "Washington Observer" reporting and comment, if this is within your policy.

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Kindly accept our appreciation.

Very sincerely,

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/s/

[REDACTED]
Evanston, Ill. 60202

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CORRESPONDENCE

Evanston, Ill 60201

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WASHINGTON OBSERVER

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"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety"

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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

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PANAMA PLAN

There are some hidden aspects to the pending treaties with Panama that have not been brought out. In fact, even though the main contents of the treaties were exclusively exposed by WASHINGTON OBSERVER NEWSLETTER early last year, the Administration still has not officially revealed them.

One of the "hookers" in the treaties concerns gambling. A joint FBI-IRS investigation has uncovered that big-time Nevada gamblers are currently using Panama as a base for tax dodging. They habitually skim 10% to 15% of each day's winnings off the top of their take and secretly transport it to Panama, where it is deposited in their own personal accounts. Then, the money can be drawn out "clean" in check form to buy up businesses on the mainland.

LBJ is not only well aware of these tax dodging activities, but according to his friend, columnist Drew Pearson: "LBJ came up with the offer that Grant Sawyer (former Governor of Nevada—Ed.) become Governor General of the Panama Canal Zone." Unfortunately, word leaked out of the pending Sawyer appointment, and a Panamanian newspaper, *La Hora*, charged that Sawyer was to be sent down to organize gambling casinos and set up a divorce mill for Panama City. This has given LBJ second thoughts about appointing Sawyer.

Although the appointment of Grant Sawyer, the gamblers' choice, has been stymied, the new treaties carefully avoid cracking down on the gamblers' illegal operations in Panama.

Incidentally many observers believe LBJ will wait until his foreign aid bill is passed before resuming pressure to ratify the Panama treaties. He has been forced to delay because Liberty Lobby generated too much heat against them.

WAR PROFIT

The \$400 million that was raised in tax deductible contributions for Israel was only part of the profits reaped by the Zionists from the brief war.

Israel is due to receive some \$30 million in agricultural commodities under the "food for peace" program.

At least 150 French-made Mirage fighter-bombers and 25 U.S. Phantom planes have been sent to Israel disguised as "parts" for repairs or replacements. The new planes are not completely assembled but can be quickly put together.

TAX WASTE

Liberal Democrat, Wisconsin's Senator Bill Proxmire, Chairman of the Senate Economy in Government Subcommittee, has uncovered shocking evidence of waste in government purchasing.

He discovered that the Federal government destroyed \$35 million worth of unused medical supplies over the past two years.

Why? Because the law doesn't permit the government to dispose of these supplies through its surplus property program until they have deteriorated.

The 1962 "Truth in Negotiations" Act requires that cost-plus contractors maintain accurate, complete and current cost records. It is impossible to determine real cost on contracts without having accurate, up-to-date cost data. The Proxmire Subcommittee had General Accounting Office expert accountants examine the books on 242 major contracts and found that in 90% of these the law was flouted. The accounting experts estimated that \$3 billion was wasted in excessive costs on non-competitive cost-plus negotiated Defense Department contracts last year, yet Defense Secretary Robert Strange McNamara claims he saved \$3 billion last year by his economy measures.

Who is telling the truth—the task force of expert accountants who audited the books, or Mr. McNamara?

Chairman Proxmire says: "If you're a typical American family, your tax charge this year for defense costs will be about \$1,600. Most of this will go into what the Defense Department buys."

LAW AND ORDER

Michigan Congressmen Charles C. Diggs and John Conyers both backed up Gov. George Romney when he called for federal troops during the Detroit riot. Both are Negroes.

Diggs, while en route to visit Adam Clayton Powell on the island of Bimini recently, attended a night club in Miami. While there he was assaulted by a Negro gang and beaten up. Diggs learned the value of the white man's law.

Conyers, however, was strongly opposed to asking for federal troops at first. As he was huddling with Romney and Diggs, however, he was given word that rioters in his district had just burned down his office.

This was enough to make Conyers change his tune. While he seemed perfectly willing to see "Whitey's" homes and businesses destroyed, his own was different. That's why Diggs and Conyers supported Romney.

ENCLOSURE

ELECTRIFYING POSSIBILITIES

This is a lightweight, powerful storage battery which — if the claims advanced are true — will make electric autos practical.

Although millions of coughing, bleary-eyed citizens in our smog-shrouded cities would joyously welcome such a development, one can imagine the lengths to which the oil barons would go to suppress it. Its popularization would mean the virtual ruin of the multi-billion dollar oil industry.

The new battery, which was developed by scientists at the Chicago-based Argonne National Laboratory, who were searching for a means to convert nuclear reactor heat directly into electricity, uses a lithium-tellurium alloy as the cathode and lithium as the anode, with a mixture of lithium halides serving as electrolyte. Experimentally, the cell has produced up to 500 watts of power per pound of weight. This compares with only 12 watts per pound produced by a good lead-acid battery.

However, the battery must operate at a temperature of 800 degrees. Thus, additional weight will be required for insulation and a self-heating arrangement. Further research and development is expected to lick this problem easily. Incidentally, the battery can be recharged in 15 minutes!

Although lithium is used in H-bombs, tellurium has heretofore been dumped by mines in the West as useless. Uranium used to be worthless, too, remember?

HERO

LBJ

As Commander-in-Chief of the Nation's armed services, President Johnson has personally pinned more medals on combat veterans than any head of state since the Emperor Napoleon of France.

In his coat lapel he modestly displays his own decoration — the Silver Star medal awarded him during World War II.

Since the President — as the strong, silent type — is coy about explaining the deed of valor which earned his decoration (even though he loves to murmur about his "sentimental memories" of dead comrades-in-arms and battlefield experiences), WO has searched the Pentagon archives for the real story. We think you will find it singularly inspiring.

Congressman Lyndon B. Johnson was appointed a lieutenant commander in the Navy on January 21, 1940, and went on active duty December 19, 1941. Ordered to the Pacific for "inspection duty" (despite the fact he had no naval training), he served in New Zealand and Australia and was awarded the Army Silver Star. On July 16, 1942, he was released from duty on his own application when President Roosevelt

For some reason the "free press" seems to be ignoring news of what could be the most momentous discovery of the post-war period.

ruled that members of Congress did not have to serve in the armed force.

LBJ's citation reads: "For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Port Moresby and Salamaua, New Guinea, on June 9, 1942. While on a mission of obtaining information on the South Pacific area, Lieutenant Commander Johnson, in order to obtain personal knowledge of combat conditions, volunteered as an observer on a hazardous aerial combat mission over hostile positions in New Guinea. As our planes neared the target area they were intercepted by eight hostile fighters. When, at this time the plane in which Lieutenant Commander Johnson was an observer developed mechanical trouble and was forced to turn back alone, presenting a favorable target to the enemy fighters, he evidenced marked coolness in spite of the hazards involved. His gallant action enabled him to obtain and return with valuable information."

For some reason or other, not a single member of the B-26 crew other than Lyndon Johnson received an award although all of them shared equally in the danger and all were in possession of the same "information."

ROSTOWS & RUSSIANS

It is no secret in Washington that the brothers Rostow are carrying the ball on trade with the communist enemy during the Vietnam war, as well as the nuclear disarmament of the United States which, with Secretary of Defense Robert Strange McNamara presiding, is approaching total success.

Both Eugene V. Debs Rostow and LBJ White House Advisor Walt W. Rostow have peddled socialism for years, and both served as subordinates in Geneva to Gunnar Myrdal, the Swedish socialist who made a trade treaty with the Soviet Union which almost ruined the Swedish economy. Now Myrdal's daughter is selling disarmament in speeches before the Disarmament Committee in Geneva, chief propaganda vehicle for the unilateral nuclear disarmament of the USA.

If it seems strange that the Rostows are carrying the Rockefeller Brothers' program of trading with the communist enemy while Soviet bullets and missiles kill and maim American fighting men in Vietnam, it should not. Walt W. Rostow wrote his book advocating an "end of nationhood" under a grant from a Foundation established by a capitalist. Walt worked three years at M.I.T. on his *The United States in the World Arena* (Harper's 1960) under a grant from the Carnegie Fund. In that book Walt made the following assertions indicative of his thinking:

"America is essentially a continental island off the greater land mass of Eurasia; we must have a Federated Organization under effective international law which recognizes this Eurasian superiority; and the United States must finance the whole world with no

strings attached, even at the cost of damaging our own economy."

There is an old political adage that eventually extremes meet. The Rockefeller brothers' compact with the notorious Cyrus Eaton to trade with the Communist enemy, which thus far has killed over 13,000 Americans and wounded over 85,000, besides producing profits, is supposed to bring the USA and the USSR closer together. The Rostow brothers, who want to socialize the whole world and who have supported to this end such measures as the notorious Havana Charter of 1948, which was repudiated by the U.S. Congress, are among the chief retailers of the line that the United States is moving toward socialism, while Russia is moving away from a police dictatorship in the same direction.

As Walt Rostow phrased this in a speech at, of all places, the warfare school at Fort Bragg, "it will not be a victory of capitalism over socialism. It will not be a victory of the United States over Russia. It will be a victory of men and nations over the forces that wish to entrap and exploit their revolutionary aspirations."

In close touch with the Rostows and key figures in the conspiracy to expand trade with the Reds are certain Wall Street forces which bear a long historical relationship with the Bolsheviks. Indeed, the Bolshevik takeover in 1917 was made possible only by the lavish financing of revolutionary movements by the same New York international bankers who are now using the Rostows to break down American reluctance to trade with the enemy. Sidney Weinberg's Goldman-Sachs, Lazard Freres and the Rothschilds can be named in this connection.

Trading with the enemy is a criminal act and all those mentioned would be subject to prosecution if Lyndon Johnson had declared war in Vietnam as the Constitution requires. Instead, the Rostows are working for Lyndon in high official posts.

And as a prominent General said privately recently to a WO reporter, "Don't underestimate the power these dangerous conspirators exert day by day in the Western World."

KING OF COMMUNISM

The first disclosure that a secret FBI report existed which tied Martin Luther King in with communism was published in WASHINGTON OBSERVER NEWSLETTER No. 13 in the February 15, 1966 issue.

At that time Attorney General Nicholas De B. Katzenbach refused to turn over this file to the House Committee on Un-American Activities. In fact, Katzy lied and denied to Congressman (now Governor-elect of Mississippi) John Bell Williams that the file even existed. Katzenbach made this prevarication in the presence of President Lyndon B. Johnson at the White House.

WO is now happy to report that the FBI file on King is not only in the hands of the HUAC but copies are also in the hands of Congressman John J. Rooney (D-NY), chairman of a House Appropriations Subcommittee and Senator John McClellan (D-Ark) Chairman of the Senate Permanent Investigating Subcommittee.

The lawmakers were so shocked at what they read in the confidential FBI report that they plan to summon King before their committees and delve deeply into his involvement with Communist conspirators. As previously reported in WO, when the FBI agents had King under surveillance they observed him meet a well-identified Soviet espionage agent at the Kennedy Airport in New York. They also secured evidence that King was receiving large sums of money from a well known American Communist agent who gives King instructions which he implicitly obeys. The Federal agents also adduced evidence of his unsavory personal conduct in Washington hotels and elsewhere and the fact that he had violated the Mann Act (white slavery). This is a violation of the U.S. Criminal Code that comes under the purview of the FBI, but neither Attorney General Katzenbach nor his successor, Ramsey Clark would allow the FBI to present the evidence before a Federal Grand Jury.

If the Congressional probers bring out the full facts, both Katzenbach and Clark can be cited for malfeasance in public office and prosecuted. LBJ is exerting all the pressure at his command to kill the three-pronged investigation by Congress.

It is doubtful that McClellan will yield since he does not need LBJ to get reelected and there are no skeletons in his closet that would make him susceptible to blackmail. NOTE: Drew Pearson is diligently trying to dig up a scandal to discredit the hard-hitting prober from Arkansas.

PRETTY EVERETT

Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R-Ill), who in his youth wanted to be an actor, can dance a mean pirouette on the Senate Floor when LBJ asks him to switch sides. Other things about the changeable senator are as phoney as his convictions.

Dirksen is known far and wide for his mellifluous voice and touselled hair. These trade marks have made him famous.

Only a few insiders know that Dirksen's voice has been trained so well that he speaks in his sepulchral monotone habitually. But when surprised, he has a habit of squealing like a schoolgirl.

Dirksen's hairdo is the product of a certain Washington beauty shop which twice each month marcells his curly locks and dyes his hair silver. Dirksen's favorite beauty operator is a "Mr. Jack" who sets his appointment after normal business hours.

A ROSE IS A ROSE

"What's in a name?" rhetorically asked Shakespeare. But the Bard of Avon was in error when he minimized the importance of names, or at least he would be in error in Washington, D. C. today.

The name of "Cohen" is a mighty name in Federal officialdom. Most taxpayers are somewhat familiar with the name of Sheldon S. Cohen, Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

If you want to organize a corporation to operate interstate or sell stock to the public, you will have to secure permission from Manuel F. Cohen, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission.

If you have Federal problems involving health, education and welfare, your fate may depend on a decision of Wilbur J. Cohen, under Secretary of HEW or a legal ruling by Joel Cohen, Assistant General Counsel, HEW.

If your problem involves public welfare, a final determination may be made by Shepard Cohen, Finance and Business Manager, Department of Public Welfare.

Or if you advertise too aggressively or enter into a gentlemen's agreement on fair prices you may be prosecuted by Fletcher G. Cohn, Assistant General Counsel, Federal Trade Commission.

And again quoth old Bill Shakespeare: "that which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

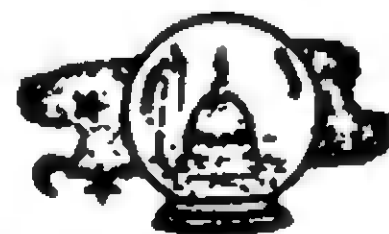
Observations

During the recent Middle East crisis the Turks prevented our fighter planes from taking off by installing .50 calibre machine guns to cover every fighter at our leased air fields there. This story will be denied by the Pentagon, but is known to thousands of American personnel in Turkey. . . . Police in Millbrook, N. Y. recently arrested 41 persons at the estate of Timothy Leary, the LSD prophet. One prisoner turned out to be Leary's 17-year-old son, John. The next morning father Leary appeared to post bail, wearing flowers in his hair. . . . Some political observers believe that the Russians have made a deal for Zionist support of internationalizing the Panama Canal, in return for which Russia will support internationalizing Suez. . . . Since the new gun laws in New York state, a man can no longer shoot at an intruder in his own home unless he is attacked first, and he better be able to prove it. . . . According to Naval intelligence, 22 Russian flag ships and three Polish ships have hauled cargo each month to Vietnam for the past two years. Their monthly tonnage averages 178,500. . . . Willie Wright, Negro firebrand who played a big part in the recent Newark riots, is reported to have joined his friend, Stokely Carmichael, behind the iron curtain—in Czechoslovakia.

Earlier this year President Johnson launched a "See America First" campaign in an effort to keep more tourist dollars in this country. Since then Luci Johnson Nugent spent her vacation in the Bahamas and Lynda

Bird went on her second trip within a year to Europe after completing a trip to Mexico with George Hamilton. And all of the LBJ family has been to Expo '67 in Montreal at the taxpayers' expense. . . . Lynda Bird has been slumming around England with eight Secret Service bodyguards, six more than she gets when in Washington. "This is my year to live it up," she recently told Mrs. Angier Biddle Duke at a White House party. . . . There are 30 USSR satellites in outer space now that are unidentified. No one seems to know what they are for. Could be nuclear weapons. This was brought out in secret hearings before the Senate Armed Services Committee. . . . Charles Percy, Rockefeller's Senator from Illinois, once admitted before the Ways and Means Committee that all of the Bell & Howell lenses are made in Japan. Percy made a bundle with Bell & Howell before he got interested in making money in politics. He is a great advocate of importing cheap-labor goods from overseas, thereby throwing American workers out of jobs.

Crystal Ball



Last March, the Senate, in the face of overwhelming public opposition, ratified the Consular Treaty. But to date the Soviet Union itself has not ratified it, although even Senator "Dolly" Dirksen complained (before he switched) that the pressure on him from the Russian Embassy to ratify it was strong. WO predicts that the Kremlin will withhold its approval of the treaty until the U.S. grants unrestricted travel of Soviet diplomats in this Nation. However, the U.S.S.R. will not grant reciprocity. LBJ, under prodding of the Rostow-Fortas-Goldberg gang, will capitulate to the Reds.

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It wasn't too long ago that President Johnson was calling for a Far Eastern summit conference, which was planned to include all free nations. But already, Thailand, Cambodia and the Philippines have rejected the idea. WO predicts that the conference will not materialize, thus creating another blow to American prestige.

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Providing that he lives that long, within eighteen months Fidel Castro will move the capital of Cuba from Havana to the Isle of Pines.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your communication of May 27th, with enclosures,
has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information in our files
must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the
Department of Justice. The FBI has not and will not reveal such
information to unauthorized sources. There is, however, a danger
of this information being given out when the FBI disseminates facts
to other agencies of government.

I am returning the newspaper clipping as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure
Newspaper Clipping

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. His enclosures
were a Drew Pearson column captioned "Bobby ordered FBI to bug
King's phone" and a postage stamp, utilized in reply.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
May 27, 1968

Mr. Hoover:

Would I be asking too much if
I would ask you is it really true about
Mr. Kennedy wiretapping Dr. Martin
Luther King's phone during the time
he was the Attorney General?

Most Respectfully
[Redacted Signature]

P.S. Should you be allowed to reply to the question
asked, Please Return the Clipping

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- MR. TOLSON ✓
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DREW PEARSON:

Bobby ordered FBI to bug King's phone

The question of whether Bobby Kennedy, when attorney general, ordered wide-scale wiretapping and eavesdropping by the FBI has become the subject of some controversy. It is also very important in gauging Kennedy's qualifications to be President, and whether he is telling the truth. After all, the matter of the credibility gap has become something of an issue these days.

In this connection, this column has learned that, when attorney general, Kennedy ordered a wiretap put on the phone of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Kennedy denies this and other statements that he ordered or condoned the wide-scale wiretapping or eavesdropping undertaken by the FBI while he commanded the Justice Department. He states that nowhere in the Justice Department is there to be found a single eavesdrop order signed by him.

However, the facts in the eavesdropping on Dr. King are irrefutable and we can report them in detail.

Attorney General Kennedy first ordered Dr. King bugged on July 16, 1963. His reason was that King was in touch with various Communists and was being influenced by them.

The order caused surprise



Pearson

in the FBI. During the 1960 election campaign both Bobby and his brother, the late President, had offered to help Dr. King when he was arrested in Atlanta Oct. 19 and refused to post bond in connection with a civil-rights sit-in.

John F. Kennedy even issued a press release offering to help King, a gesture which had important effect on the Negro vote three weeks later. In Cook County it was the Negro vote which gave Kennedy his slender 8,000 vote margin in Illinois and won him the presidency.

When, therefore, the brother of the President ordered a wiretap on Dr. King's phone, the FBI was amazed and opposed it. Courtney Evans, who served as liaison officer between J. Edgar Hoover and Bobby Kennedy, told the attorney general that King traveled a lot, so a wiretap might not be too effective. Also he said that the wiretap would have a bad reaction among Negroes if discovered. The attorney general remarked that he was not in the least interested in repercussions.

He did not press the matter, and so the FBI did not place any taps on King's wire in July, 1963.

However, in October of that year Bobby Kennedy signed an order for a tap on King's wires, and thereafter King's phone conversations were monitored.

This may have been why the highly publicized

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On Nov. 18, 1964, Hoover called Dr. King "the most notorious liar in the country" after King had urged civil-rights workers not to report violence to the FBI on the ground that FBI agents were Southerners who would take no action.

King hurried to Washington for a showdown with Hoover. Emerging from the FBI director's office after their conference, King made a statement surprisingly favorable to the FBI. He had no criticism for Hoover. Intimates have told us that King suspected Hoover was tapping his wires. However, King never realized that the person who originally ordered the monitoring was Robert F. Kennedy, the man who had offered to help get King out of jail. Later Kennedy was one of the most headlined mourners at King's funeral.

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May 29, 1968

[REDACTED]
Roanoke, Virginia 24015

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 25th, with enclosure, has been received and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write and furnish me your comments in the matter you mentioned. I also want to thank you for your kind remarks.

In response to your request, I do not feel it would be proper for me, as the head of a Federal investigative agency, to comment in the manner you desire. I regret I cannot be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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NOTE: Bufiles reflect no record identifiable with correspondent. Her enclosure is a copy of "My Weekly Reader," a children's newspaper published by American Education Publications. The back page of this article has a picture of Martin Luther King and extols his activities.

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May 25, 1968

Dear Sir,

Enclosed is a newspaper my first grade child brought home from school. I was furious - was I wrong? In my mind, this man was not great - As far as I can see, he was not good for my country, and my resentment runs deep at having my children taught otherwise. It reeks of brain-washing - My reaction to this paper is, I suppose, merely a culmination of many things which have happened to my country in recent years.

Your opinion is one which I respect. Could I please have your thoughts on this matter?

Sincerely,

/s/

[REDACTED]
Roanoke, Va. 24015

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ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

*Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington,
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May 24, 1968

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Honorable James A. Burke
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

Your communication of May 22nd, enclosing a
letter you received from [REDACTED] Weymouth,
Massachusetts, has been received. b7(c)

You may wish to advise your constituents that any
information regarding communist affiliations or activities of
Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be
released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all
matters of a confidential nature. In addition, you may assure
Mr. and Mrs. Eaton that we in the FBI will continue to discharge
our responsibilities with the highest degree of thoroughness and
dispatch.

Your enclosure is being returned as requested.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles reflect previous cordial correspondence with Congressman
Burke. Our files also reflect an outgoing to [REDACTED] and her
husband dated 4/5/65 thanking them for their kind comments and in response
to their request regarding communism. They were referred to the Director's
books as well as furnished material on communism.

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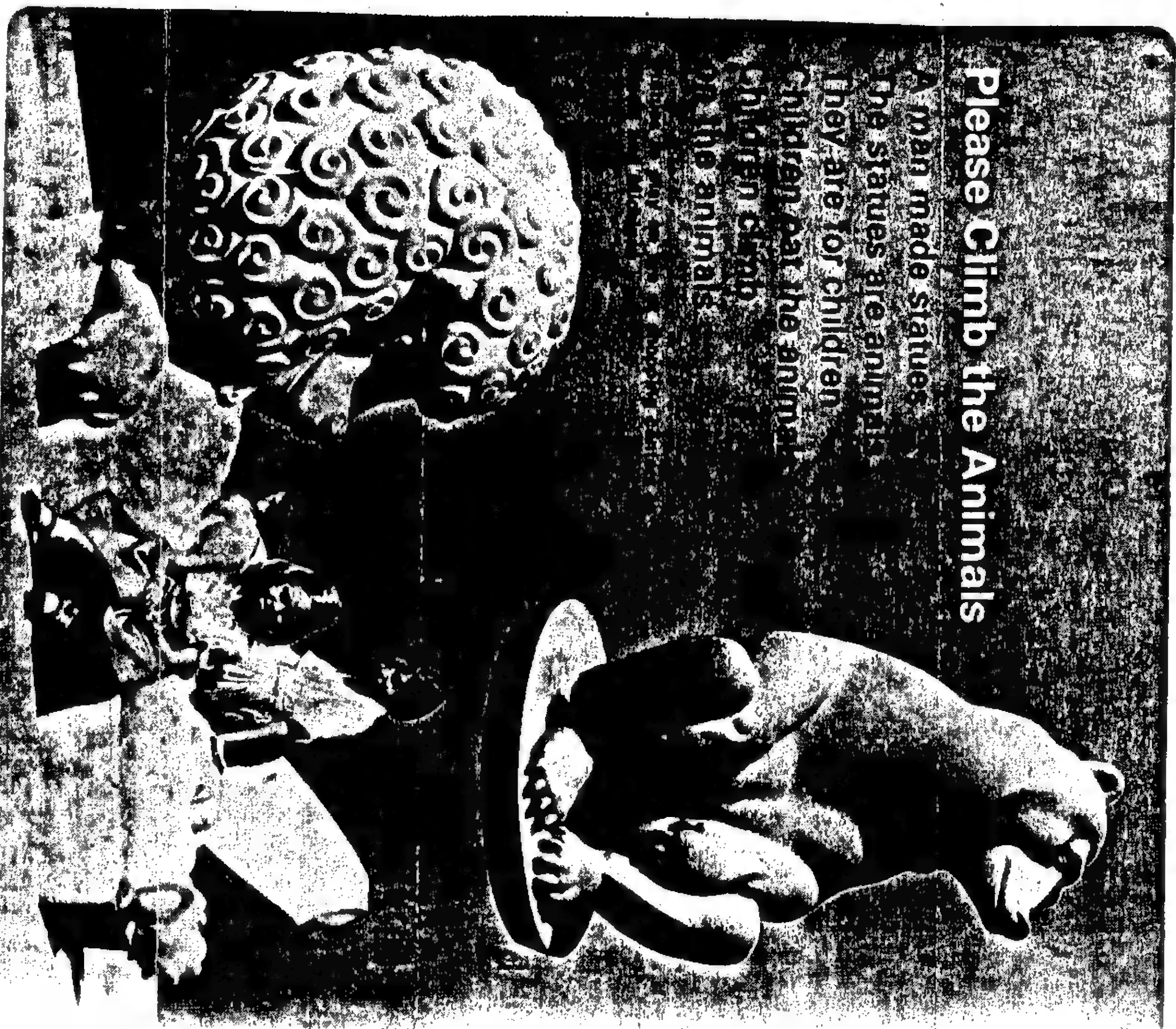
THE CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER

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PICTURE READER

Please Climb the Animals

A man made statues
the statues are animals
they are for children
children eat the animal
children climb
the animals



Understanding: There are many things to do at shopping centers.



Borrow a Pet

Children can borrow pets
at a pet library.

Children can keep the pets
for a few days.

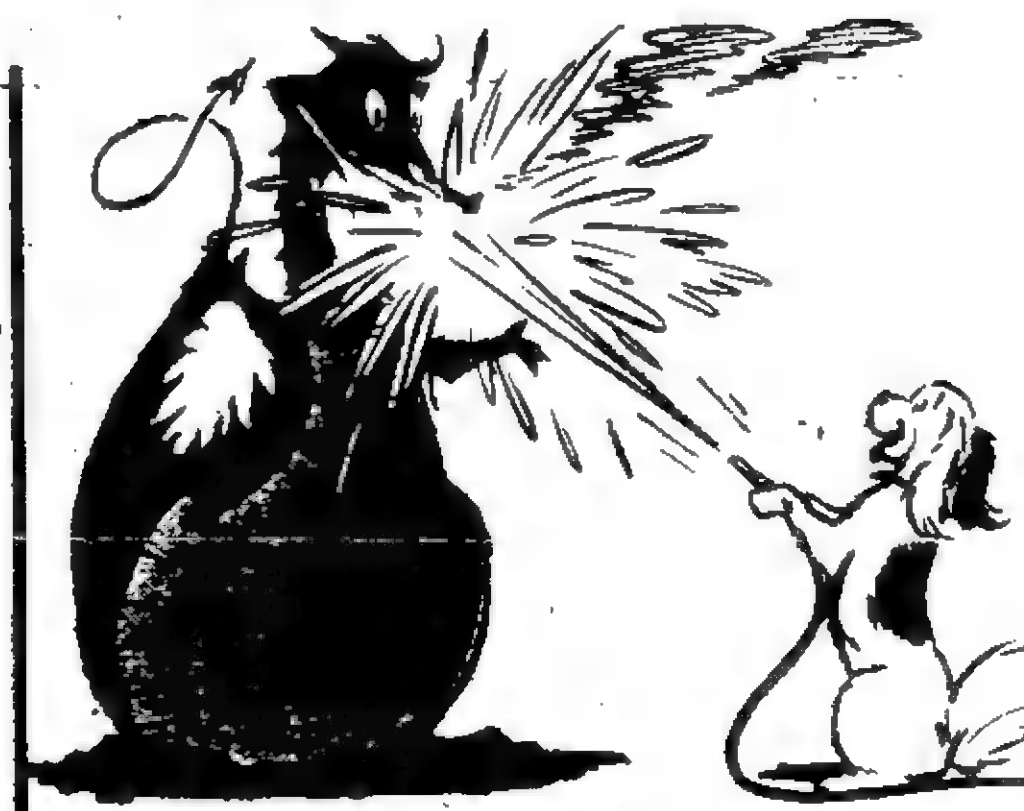
Children play with the pets.
Children care for the pets.



News Understanding: Some libraries are pet libraries where children can borrow pets.



"Watch out, Happy!"



Happy puts out the fire.

Buddy Good Citizen

Dear Girls and Boys,
May 12 is Mother's Day.
I love my mother.
I hope she will like
the picture I made.

Love,

Buddy



Science News: **Kangaroos**



Understandings: Buddy—Be thoughtful. Science—Some mother animals carry their babies in different ways.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. King was a great man.
He worked for
peace and freedom.

He wanted to help people.
He wanted people
to help each other.

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

May 22, 1968

Congressional Liaison
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.

Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
the necessary information for re-
ply, returning the enclosed corre-
spondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

James A. Burke

JAMES A. BURKE, M. C.

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CORRESPONDENCE

May 12, 1968

Dear Rep. James Burke:

How about plenty of pressure on our liberal Atty General Clark for a complete investigation of Martin Luther King? The real truth about this pro communists, which has been oppressed for years should be told to the Americans.

Our lousy news media has painted this man as Christ, when really he was the negroes worst enemy. Congress should also investigate the burning & sacking of the Capital by our leaders.

How about it. Do you agree with me on this?

Yours truly,

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Weymouth, Mass 02188

P.S. "Lets have Victory then Peace."
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1825) (C)

SUBJECT: CONTEMPLATED APPEARANCE OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING AT
COLUMBUS, OHIO, 5/17/68
RM

Re CI letter to Bureau, 3/28/68.

Because of assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER
KING, case is being closed in Cincinnati Division.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE:

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

MARTIN LUTHER KING

Pages E3204-E3207. Congressman Rarick, (D) Louisiana, extended his remarks concerning Martin Luther King and stated King is dead, but some prefer to continue exploitation of a managed image—but those who are interested in the facts in the search for truth are entitled to a full disclosure. Probably no newsmen in America has sought to refresh the minds of free men on 'The Truth About M. L. K.' like William Loeb, president of the Manchester Union Leader, of Manchester, N. H. Mr. Rarick included a series of editorials by Mr. Loeb. Included in this series was an editorial entitled 'The Truth About Dr. King.' This editorial states 'Therefore, let the record show. That while

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Dr. King spoke of 'civil disobedience' and 'attention-getting activities,' his words created that restlessness and dissatisfaction that overt demagogues used to stir negroes to rioting, looting and bloodshed. That the sincerity of his call for freedom for all men must be measured by his lack of concern for the freedom of non-Communist South Vietnamese, - - - - That this attitude of indifference - it not open hostility—to the cause of anti-communism, was matched by his association with identified Communists, - - - -. That King participated in the relentless attack on FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover in 1964, accusing the FBI of not protecting the legal rights of southern negroes and civil rights agitators from the North. In a celebrated interview, in which he also criticized 'red neck sheriffs,' Hoover called King 'the most notorious liar in the country.' After goading Hoover into making this statement, King played the 'get Hoover' role to the hilt, suggesting that the FBI director was faltering 'under the awesome burdens, complexities and responsibilities of his office.' - - - - Dr. King was a brave man, a determined man, but also—in our carefully considered opinion—a clever demagogue.

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Pages E3213-E3216. Congressman Ashbrook, (R) Ohio, pointed out that ever since the beginning of Martin Luther King's crusades, Negro conservative George Schuyler has been warning they could lead only to violence and would set race against race. Mr. Ashbrook advised that Schuyler, a newspaperman, has stressed that the vast majority of Negroes and whites do not want or seek the kind of racial confrontations that marked King's career. Mr. Ashbrook placed in the Record two articles written by Mr. Schuyler and published in the Manchester (New Hampshire) Union Leader. He also inserted in the Record three editorials from the Union Leader, one of which was entitled "The Truth About Dr. King." This is the same editorial placed in the Record by Congressman Harick and set forth earlier in this memorandum.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO The Director

DATE _____

FROM N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT The Congressional Record

Pages E3216-E3223. Congressman Harick, (D) Louisiana, stated our fellow countrymen must understand that the so-called demonstrations, indignities, and violence being provoked against America and our American institutions are neither spontaneous nor independent. The mobs—defying law, reason, and convention—must not be allowed to camouflage their disloyalty with such deceitful slogans as 'free speech,' 'non-violence,' 'dissem,' or the sympathy-inducing label of 'poor people.' - - - A timely and thought-provoking statement on the execution and proven success of such a program in the Communist 'reform' revolution that brought Castro to power in Cuba has been prepared by Mr. Mario C. Kohly, President of the de facto Government of Free Cuba. Castro—a confessed Communist—was also aided by a cooperative

communications media. He included Mr. Kohly's statement with his remarks. Mr. Harick also placed in the Record other miscellaneous items. This material contained an interview with Julia Brown concerning the Communist affiliations of Martin Luther King. Mrs. Brown advised she worked for the FBI for nine years in the Communist Party in Cleveland, Ohio. The material placed in the Record by Mr. Harick also included an article from the Herald of Freedom of April 9, 1965, entitled "The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr." This article stated "Karl Prussion, who was a counter-spy for the FBI for thirteen years, made a sworn statement September 28, 1963, from which we quote in part, 'I hereby also state that Martin Luther King has either been a member of, or willingly has accepted support from, over sixty communist fronts, individuals, and/or organizations which give aid to or espouse communist causes.'" (Julia Brown was an informant from 1951 to 1960 and Karl Prussion from 1949 to 1958 per the Domestic Intelligence Division.)

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[Redacted Address]

Bloomington, Indiana 47832

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of May 24th, with enclosures, has been received.

In response to your comments regarding communist activities or affiliations of Martin Luther King, information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. You may be sure, however, that the FBI will continue to discharge its responsibilities with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. The leaflet she enclosed was reprinted from the Augusta Courier and has come to the Bureau's attention before. Her other enclosure was a stamped, self-addressed envelope which was utilized for this reply.

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May 24, '78

Out

Mr. Edgar Hoover, F.B.I.

Sir, -

Am encloseing a paper a neighbor gave us.

He got some free ones thru the mail, then he ordered some and got them thru the mail from Colarado along with some other papers I've not seen yet.

I am thinking of ordering some for my self if they are all right.

I can't understand how King was let go to do all this organizeing, and now got us where we are.

What are we going to do with all these 60 communist organizations that King belonged to?

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

Thank you

[REDACTED]
Bloomingtondale, Ind. 47832

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Return address on envelope

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Bloomingtondale, Ind. 47832

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MARTIN LUTHER KING....AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

These "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."

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IF IN DOUBT WRITE — J. EDGAR HOOVER, F.B.I., WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Mr. Edgar Hoover, F.B.I.
Sir,

I'm enclosing a paper
a neighbor gave us.

We got some free ones from
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and got them from the mail from
Colorado along with some other
papers. We've not seen yet.

I am thinking of ordering
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are all right.

I can't understand how
this was let us to do all this
sneaking, and now put us
where we are.

What are we going to do
with all these 60 Communist
suspects that have belonged
to the party?

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Thank you

CORRESPONDENCE

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 5 17 68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages E4309-E4312. Congressman Rarick, (D) Louisiana, stated "Mr. John S. Perilloux, of Ewa Beach, Hawaii, offers a documented story of Martin Luther King, Jr., with which he feels the American people

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should reacquaint themselves before the past is forgotten—and history written from halftruths." This item entitled "The Untold Story of Martin Luther King" is set forth in the Record. Mr. Perilloux included in his report a news item from the Yakima (Washington) Eagle of November 30, 1967. This news report stated "The first disclosure that an FBI report existed which tied Martin Luther King in communism was published in Washington Observer Newsletter No. 13 in the February 15, 1966 issue. At that time Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach refused to turn over this file to the House Committee on Un-American Activities. - - - - WO is now happy to report that the FBI report is not only in the hands of the HCUA, but copies are also in the hands of Congressman John J. Rooney of New York. - - - - When the FBI agents had King under surveillance they observed him meet a well-identified Soviet espionage agent at Kennedy Airport in New York. - - - - The Federal agents also adduced evidence of his unsavory personal conduct in Washington hotels and elsewhere and the fact that he had violated the Mann Act (white slavery). This is a violation of the U. S. criminal code, but neither Attorney General Katzenbach nor his successor, Ramsey Clark, would allow the FBI to present the evidence to a Federal grand jury."

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[REDACTED]
Erlanger, Kentucky 41018

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 18th, with enclosure, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I have never made any statements to the effect that Martin Luther King was a communist. Information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Neither correspondent nor H. W. Wood is identifiable in Bufiles. The "Western Recorder" is the official publication of the Baptist Church in Kentucky; and Dr. Daley, the editor of this publication, is on the mailing list to receive the Uniform Crime Reports bulletin.

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Erlanger, Kentucky
May 18, 1968

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed you will find a letter written to the Editor of
THE WESTERN RECORDER, a publication of the Kentucky Baptist convention.
In his previous editorial, Mr. C. B. Daley had praised Dr. Martin Luther
King and chastised Southern Baptists for their silence during the time of
his death. This week, the enclosed letter appeared. I expected something
like this to be printed in rebuttal. I have heard this charge against Dr.
King also. However, I have never heard or have never seen in print where
you said that he was a Communist.

Charges like this against a man so revered by his race only adds
more coals to the already smoldering hot bed of racism that threatens
to destroy our nation. If this charge is not true, I urge you to reply
to this publication or to me personally so I can answer this letter.
As a fellow Christian and a man known for his honesty, I know that you
would want the truth to be known on this issue as you have on all other
issues that face our nation. Thank you for any time you could devote to
this letter.

Sincerely,

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Enc.: WESTERN RECORDER
Kentucky Baptist Building
Middletown, Kentucky 40243

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King A Communist

Dear Editor:

It seems to me there are more important and interesting things to write about than Martin Luther King. In the April 18th and 25th issues of the *Western Recorder* you extol the virtues of King. A person can be a Baptist and a communist. J. Edgar Hoover classed King as a communist or as being backed by the communists. I think you are lowering the opinion Baptists and others have of our denomination by such editorials.
Harlan, Ky. H. W. Wood

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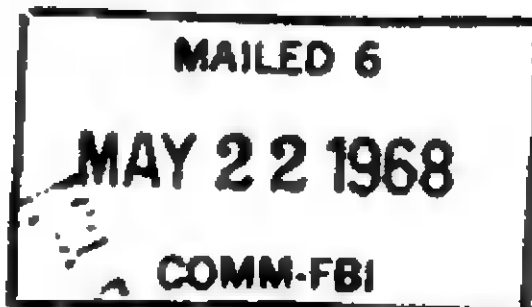
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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of May 14th and
certainly appreciate your favorable remarks concerning my
work.

With respect to your inquiries, while I would
like to be of assistance to you, information in our files must
be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the
Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to be of help in
this instance.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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May 14, 1968

J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D.C.

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DATE 2-11-81 BY SD

Dear Sir:

Could you give me any
information on the late
Martin Luther King or the
Southern Christian League Conf.

Did you investigate
them & were you going
to have a hearing on him?

I do not know how
some people can think
of this Communist Trained
man as a great leader.

It made me very sick
Sincerely,
[Signature]

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May 14, 1968

J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Could you give me any information on the late Martin Luther King or the Southern Christian League Conf. Did you investigate them & were you going to have a hearing on him? I do not know how some people can think of this communist trained man as a great leader.

It made me very sick to see flags flying at half mast for this enemy of the U. S.

Keep up the good work & your health.

Sincerely

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Larwell, Ind. 46764

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Honorable Joe Pool
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

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I have received your communication of May 16th together with the copy of the letter from [REDACTED] of Dallas, Texas. I am returning the copy of his letter to you.

In response to your constituent's inquiry regarding any communist activities or affiliations of Martin Luther King, you may wish to advise him that information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I am sorry I cannot be of assistance to [REDACTED] in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles indicate we have had limited cordial relations and correspondence with Congressman Pool. There is one prior outgoing to [REDACTED] dated 1-23-64 in response to his telegram expressing support of the Director.

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MAY 16 1968

[REDACTED]
Dallas, Texas 75220

Congressman Joe Pool
Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Pool:

I have read a great deal in the last few days about Martin Luther King being associated with communists and fellow travelers. It is my understanding that the FBI has a very thorough and complete file documenting this fact.

Would you please request that the FBI make this file public knowledge so as to inform the American People about the true character of Martin Luther King? If indeed he is innocent, then this would clear the name of the deceased.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

W. J. Sullivan

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

May 16 1968

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Sir:

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.
Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
the necessary information for re-
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Yours truly,
Joe Pool
Joe Pool

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May 22, 1968

[REDACTED]
Springfield, Ohio 45505

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Dear [REDACTED]

In response to your letter of May 18th, with
enclosure, while I would like to be of assistance to you,
information concerning possible communist affiliations of
Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be
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help in this instance.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear Sir,

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I would like a few moments of your time to find out some facts. I am concerned about the authenticity of the post card enclosed in this letter. Are the persons & places identified on this card true? It's hard in these times to find the truth. I am just an ordinary 100% American citizen searching for the truth.

I feel the only way to get the truth is to contact people like yourself, who are in the position to know the facts, & inform citizens like myself. I love our country & if this card is true, I want to help fight communism & preserve our freedom. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain.

Respectfully

[Redacted Signature]

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Springfield, Ohio 45505

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director F.B.I.

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Dear Sir, *W*

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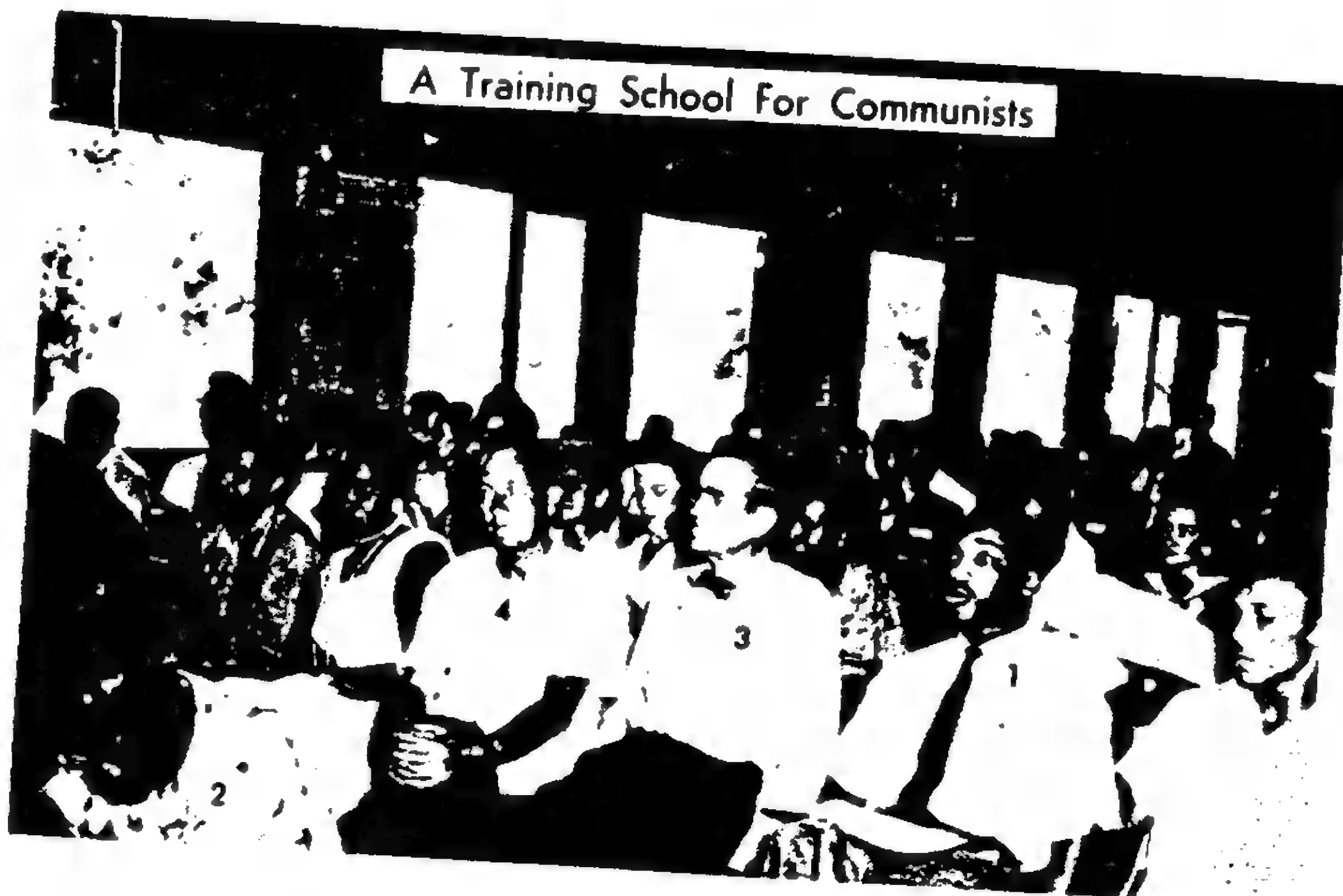
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Has been removed and placed in the Special File Room of Records Branch.

See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Martin Luther King

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 5/21/68

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

cc Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF WIRE TAPS AND MICROPHONES
BY ROBERT F. KENNEDY -
Specific approval of wire tap on Martin Luther King

Article by Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson,
Friday, 5/24/68

Jack Anderson called and stated he wanted to speak in confidence. I told him if it concerned an official matter I could not agree with this stipulation. He stated he merely wanted to tip me off that Drew Pearson will have an article on Friday, 5/24/68, alleging that former AG Bobby Kennedy ordered the FBI to place a wire tap on Martin Luther King. He stated the article would probably hurt Kennedy a great deal.

I told Anderson we would have no comment concerning such an article; however, that I felt he was doing us a great disservice inasmuch as the article would certainly dry up Negro sources of information who have been friendly to the FBI.

Anderson stated he and Pearson were well aware of this fact; however, they felt that Kennedy should receive a death blow prior to the Oregon primary. I told him that, as he had been advised once before, the FBI would not become involved in bitter political struggles and that the record should be quite clear concerning this fact. Anderson said he well understood our position, and that he hoped Pearson's column would not affect the FBI too much. I told him that remained to be seen.

Anderson asked me if the FBI had disseminated a report concerning King's communist affiliations and sex life as of February or March 28, 1968. I told him I would make no comment. He stated he knew such a report was in existence and as a matter of fact he had read such a report. I asked for the identity of his source. He stated he must refuse to tell me. I told him we well knew that Ed Weisl, Jr. had advised him

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concerning specific information involving an old wire tap on King. I asked him point-blank if Weisl had allowed him to read an FBI report. He stated he had already admitted to me on one occasion that Weisl was his source in the Department, but that he must refuse to reveal the identity of the source who had allowed him to read an FBI report. The conversation ended with this statement.

We did disseminate an FBI report on King dated 3/12/68. It may be that Anderson is bluffing or it may be that he is talking about this specific report. It would be my thought that he possibly knows the date of the report, but has not been given a chance to read it. We nevertheless should maintain a strict "no comment" in the event Pearson's article appears on Friday, 5/24/68.

ACTION -

For record purposes.

1. Absolutely -
2. We must be most
careful what we send
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[REDACTED]
Richmond, Virginia 23235

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 16th has been received and
I want to thank you for your kind comments.

In response to your inquiry, the FBI has never
made any statement to the effect that Martin Luther King was
a communist. Information of this nature, whether substantiated
or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice
order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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We have had no correspondence with him.

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RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23235

May 16, 1968

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

A prominent Citizen of Richmond
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of Church leaders to the effect that the
Federal Bureau of Investigation has "over
and over again" declared the Rev. Dr. Martin
Luther King was a Communist.

Will you advise me whether or not
you or any other official of the F.B.I. has
ever so designated Dr. King? This question
is not prompted by idle Curiosity; a
group of Churchmen of which I am a
member will discuss this along with other
phases of Social issues ^{and} I would like to
know your estimate of ^{what was} Dr. King's true
attitude toward National Patriotism.

With full confidence in you and
the F.B.I. as a whole, I am,

Sincerely yours

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Sincerely yours

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Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letters of May 15th and 16th have been received.

In response to your inquiries as to whether or not Martin Luther King was a communist, information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Regarding your request, I am enclosing some material which contains suggestions all of us can use in the fight against communism. You may also want to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." They were written to help readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities, both in this country and abroad. They may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Communism and The Knowledge to Combat It!
Statement on Communism

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Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

May 15, 1968

Dear Sir,

I have heard that I can write to you (FBI) for information on someone.

I have become interested in Martin Luther King and I would like as much information on him as you "can" give me.

I have one doubt about this man and hope you can clear it up. Please, can you tell me if he was a Communist?

Please send this information to the address at the top. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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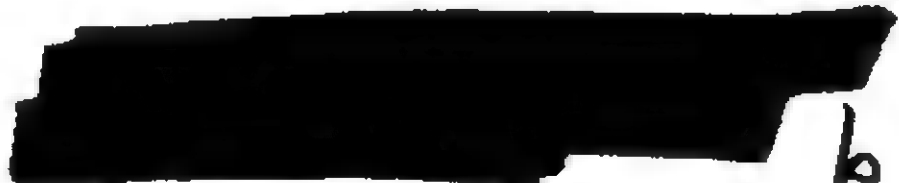
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Chillicothe, Ohio
May 16, 1968

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have read your statements about communism and many other's statements and books. I, like many of my friends is greatly disturbed over these many facts.

I am writing to you for as much information as you can send me. I would like literature on what can be done against communism.

There is one thing I would like to ask you. Was Martin Luther King a communist? Please reply. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Hixson, Tennessee 37343

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 7th, with enclosure,
has been received and I want to thank you for your kind
comment.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing your
views regarding the assassination of Martin Luther King to
my attention are indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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 Higdon, Tennessee 37343
 May 7, 1968

FBI Director
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 Washington, D.C.

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Also I wish to thank you for all the great work you have done and are still doing for our great Country.

Very truly yours,

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By John Gregory Dunne and Joan Didion



King Tiger

It had been nearly a year since I last saw Reies Lopez Tijerina, and under the hot lights of the Los Angeles Sports Arena, he seemed strangely out of place, a white face among the black, a wide peasant face that belonged to the piñon, the sage and the cottonwood of northern New Mexico and not the garbage and rats of the urban slum. But in the hierarchy of protest there are no strangers, and now he was one with the black leaders gathered in the arena to ritualize the incarceration of a Negro militant accused of killing a policeman. He was escorted to the stage by a bodyguard of Brown Berets, Mexican youths with sunglasses and oddly delicate beards, and he embraced Stokely Carmichael and Rap Brown before he began to speak.

He had once been a fire-and-brimstone lay preacher and he was still a spellbinder, but now he was learned in a new rhetoric, the metaphors of long hot summers, past, present and to come. "The brown and the black are here to fight the same enemy, and this enemy, the United States Government, is trying to oppress the whole world. The white U.S. Government does not want us to criticize him, but I will, because I see nothing good in him. I ask the Government to repent, to join the black man and the Indian. They know we are going to defend our rights, even if there is some blood spilled. The she dog, after she has had some pups, will not run from anybody, and we in New Mexico will not run from anybody. I say, 'Black Power, yes.' The black, the brown and the Indios have been selected by the forces of nature to march together, fight together, even die together."

"Viva," came the shout. "Viva Tijerina!"

The predominantly black audience waved posters and damned the police. Some members recited their litany of violence. "Army .45 will stop all jive," they said. "Buckshots will down the cops." It could not have been a more vivid contrast to the first time I heard the words "Viva Tijerina" last summer outside the courthouse in old Santa Fe. There, amidst the sun-baked adobe, time seemed to have stopped. The somnolent town belonged to another place, another era, another culture. Standing under the hot afternoon sun, several hundred Spanish Americans, their faces burnt and seamed with toil, repeated the chant over and over. Police eyed them warily. The passageway leading to the second-floor courtroom was blocked by a state-police lieutenant impassively holding a loaded shotgun at port arms. One of his troopers frisked me and then passed me to another, who patted me down a second time, even removing the eraser from my automatic pencil to examine the contents inside. The precautions were for the arraignment of Reies Lopez Tijerina on charges of kidnapping and assault with intent to commit murder.

He called himself *Rey Tigre*, or King Tiger, and his dream was nothing less than the establishment of an independent nation, an *alianza* of free city states in the harsh, unyielding mountains of northern New Mexico. Basic to his plan was the return to the people of their ancient Spanish land grants. In the 16th century the *conquistadores* wrested the land from the Indians, and after being given title by Spain, passed it on through generation after generation of their descendants. Theoretically, the grants were respected when New Mexico became part of the United States, but in truth the Spanish Americans, their power by now diffuse and diluted, were systematically stripped of lands and privileges that had been theirs for centuries. With a veneer of legality, the railroads took rights of way, the Government formed national parks. Other tales of gringo plundering are less savory. There is the story of the territorial governor who pardoned a murderer, his *quid pro quo* being 45,000 acres of an old land grant, and it is told in one village how God-fearing parishioners released title to their grant after their priests threatened to excommunicate anyone who did not contribute to the building of a new church.

I wanted to see the country and drove north from Santa Fe. Buttes and mesas and canyons, all in reds and browns and golds, stretched as far as the eye could see. It was a landscape of hope, but in the villages all I heard was a chronicle of despair. I drove to adobe hamlets over rutted dirt roads that were rendered impassable by the slightest rain. In one village I was told that the children had missed half their school sessions the winter before because snow had closed the roads. Of the 23,000 people in one northern county, 11,000 were on some kind of relief. In Mora and Taos counties nearly half the families existed on less than \$2,000 a year. "A modern house," a state welfare worker told me, "is a house with indoor plumbing."

Forgotten by the state, old resentments still smoldering, the descendants of the *conquistadores* turned to Tijerina, who at the very least, whatever the plausibility of his dream, articulated their discontent. Dirt poor and land hungry, this onetime itinerant cotton picker turned revolutionary roamed the high country, a peasant Don Quixote in search of windmills at which to tilt. Once he served "eviction" notices on the current owners of 594,000 land-grant acres. Another time he and several hundred followers laid claim to a national park, formed their own government, and "arrested" U.S. Forest Rangers for trespassing before they themselves were run off the land. Then one day last June, Don Quixote became El Cid. With a score of his followers he slipped into the sleepy, bedraggled village of Tierra Amarilla, 70

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miles north of Santa Fe. In a blaze of gunfire, they stormed the county courthouse. They pumped shells into the walls, critically wounded two lawmen, and released 10 of their cohorts from jail. Then the raiders melted away into the hills from which they came.

The National Guard was mobilized, tanks rumbled north, the entire state-police force was alerted. It made no difference that Tijerina was finally apprehended lying on the floor in the back of a car, complaining of a stomach-ache. The peculiar alchemy that makes a "personality" had already taken place. Tijerina's release on bond—his trial for the raid is still pending—was all that was needed to keep the mixture brewing.

For months now I have watched the legend grow. Tijerina came from New Mexico and traversed California, speaking at its campuses, hammering home his points on television, attracting the underground press, the new left and the entrepreneurs of protest. I could see why. His quest, absurd and gallant, had the potential for reconverting the fallen-away, bringing back into the mainstream of dissidence those people who had grown guiltily ambivalent about the general momentum of chaos building up in the nation's cities. His cause was devoid of the ambiguities of urban conflict. Out there on the mesas, there were no nagging worries about the mugging down the block, the rape across the street, the car boosted in front of the house. It seemed to be a cause of simple Spanish peasants with noble agrarian ideas, not of surly unemployables with low I.Q.'s and Molotov cocktails.

The parable was wrenched out of context. Tijerina had become a curiosity, a symbol of revolt. The goals of his revolution, never very clear, seemed to have vaporized. Now, this Sunday at the Sports Arena, Tijerina was talking about his "mutual-assistance treaty" with the leading black militant organizations: "The two peoples agree to take the same position as to the crimes and sins of the Government of the United States of America." He was talking about the war in Vietnam: "I will not fight against our colored brothers in Vietnam. I would rather spend five years in the penitentiary than do this." He was talking about the power potential of the Spanish-American people.

As the cheers reverberated, a black militant told the audience, "While we're *talking* revolution, he's *making* revolution in New Mexico." More cheers. I asked one of the black leaders what the "alliance" was expected to accomplish. He shrugged and smiled. "Those who know don't say," he said. "Those who say don't know." The afternoon suddenly depressed me and I left the Sports Arena. I feared that what had started as a cause had become a commodity.

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J. Edgar Hoover

Indianapolis, Indiana 46219

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Dear [REDACTED]

While I would like to be of assistance in connection with your letter of May 15th, with enclosure, information concerning possible communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I am sorry I cannot be of help in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Indianapolis, Ind 46219
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.
Washington, D. C. 20535

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Dear Sir

Attached is a photograph and data alleging Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr belonged to sixty Communist front organizations. This data is receiving rather wide circulation in the Indianapolis area. Additionally I have seen billboards in various parts of the country displaying this same information in recent years.

In an effort to be an informed citizen and to deal truthfully and factually in such matters, I ask your assistance. Can you attest that the pictorial and written material enclosed in this letter is accurate? Your comments and information would be most appreciated.

Sincerely

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MARTIN LUTHER KING....AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussian, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

These "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."

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Los Angeles, California 90024

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 8th has been received and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write and furnish me your comments on the matter you mentioned.

I can assure you that this Bureau is making every effort to carry out the investigation relating to the slaying of Martin Luther King with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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 [REDACTED] LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90024

May 2, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Many years ago I had the pleasure of meeting you at the home of [REDACTED] of Washington, D.C. where I was then living with my former husband who was associated with [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED] Hotel, we briefly met at his funeral. However, this is so much trivia.

I feel deeply, frankly, cowardly, that Dr. Martin Luther King's assassin is still at large. It would seem to me that the eyes of the whole world are upon the Federal Bureau of Investigation throughout this colossal manhunt, and that it must seem inept in certain areas.

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As a private citizen I have wondered about this matter, a fellow fielder and wonder if the West Hotel from the hotel, where the assassin rented the room, have been taken into custody... to check handwriting of the murderer as well as to glance through the West many months to see if there would be any connection with some other [REDACTED] who had previously have stayed there and who had established the best vantage point for their mad scheme. The Hotel must have been well examined to determine the excellence of the view, so that a previous guest may have marked it.

Since it is also thought that the assassin might have crossed the border into Mexico - now, as well as previously, couldn't the signature on the passport possibly be matched with the Guest Register to help determine who it may be?

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I feel foolish in writing any of this, but it's just a thought which has occurred to me.

If only guns weren't so readily available and so freely purchased every American would sleep better nights.

With every wish for your eventual success in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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P.S. Have liberal rewards been offered by our Government for information leading to the assassin's arrest? Perhaps so, and I have simply failed to read about it,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Mr. Hoover received your communication, with enclosure, on May 14th. He asked me to advise you that while he certainly appreciates the concern which prompted you to contact him, it is contrary to his policy to comment on material not prepared by personnel of this Bureau. He regrets he cannot be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,



Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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Paterson News
An Opposing View

Editor, Paterson News

I disagree with Senator Case and all politicians competing for votes by heaping honors on Martin Luther King. Yes, his death was tragic. Also tragic is the suffering and destruction he caused others. He spoke peace and war followed. Does Dr. King compare with the honorable George Washington? I suggest we ask J. Edgar Hoover's FBI.

New York honored Fidel Castro with a ticket tape parade. Castro honored us with missiles aimed at American cities.

Dr. King was a professional agitator causing unrest and turmoil in this nation. Turmoil has destroyed other nations. Can we survive turmoil and remain free?

King lived in one city. He went to a distant city to create trouble. He was killed in the very troubled area he created. It is tragic that anyone should be killed or have his property burned or looted. It is ironic that Dr. King was killed by the fruits of his labor.

Our representatives should proudly support the policy of Chicago's mayor. Where are they?

THOMAS FUSCALDO
Breakneck Ave.
Paterson

Dear Sir:

If you have any comments for me or for the newspaper please write.

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FBI (Mr. Hoover's office)

Washington, D.C.

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CORRESPONDENCE

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May 11-1968
Mr. Edgar Hoover. F.B.I. agent
Washington DC.

Dear Mr. Hoover.

I am sending you a clipping about Ray. It was in the Alliance Times paper or 2 wks ago. I should of sent it sooner but I was in the hospital for 3 wks, but I am sending it now anyway. I thank you if you will take time to read it. I also saw a picture of Earl Ray's Brother in the Alliance Times paper states appeals for Surrender. Jerry Ray above his picture 320 brother of James Earl Ray the man sought by the F.B.I. in the slaying of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King issue an appeal to his brother to surrender. Jerry is employee.

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by a suburban Chicago
Country Club. It shows
his picture in Alliance Times
They sure ~~do~~ look alike.

Yours truly

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P.S. Please let me know
if you got my letter.

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) —

The owner of a boarding house said today he had identified a drawing of a man sought in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as a roomer known by the name Eric Galt. "It's him, I'm sure," said Peter Cherpes, 72, who runs a boarding house on Birmingham's South Side.

also in country's future.

**es King Killing Suspect
ne Is Reported in Peru**

By Reuters Agency, Ltd.

Lima, Peru — Earl Ray, wanted in connection with the killing of Negro civil rights worker Martin Luther King in Memphis last month, was reported seen Wednesday in the South Peruvian city of Tacna, by the Lima newspaper Expresso.

The paper said several persons reported seeing a man answering Ray's description.

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TO Federal Bureau of Investigation
Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Washington, D. C.

May 9, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoover: Martin Luther King II

I am enclosing the copy of a paper that has been circulated in our area. We own and operate a weekly newspaper, and, if the contents of the paper is authentic, I would like to publicize it.

Will you please channel it to a department for enough checking to assure us of its authenticity?

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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COMMUNISM IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

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It might surprise you what a little newspaper reading and research can yield. Most citizens think Communism is way over there, somewhere, but is it? Wake up, Memphians!

Memphis had a visitor on February 6, 1968. Bayard Rustin came to Memphis. Who is Bayard Rustin?

1. J. Edgar Hoover said: "Bayard Rustin was convicted for sodomy, a violation of the Selective Service Act and was an admitted member of the Young Communist League". (Documentation: 1967 FBI Appropriations, pg. 34)
2. Rustin is active in the Communist-dominated American Forum for Social Education. (Documentation: The Senate Report, pg. 36, 1957 Report)
3. He went to Russia in 1958. (Doc.: Shreveport Journal, Aug. 8, 1963)
4. He attended the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party. (Doc.: Allen Stang's "It's Very Simple", pg. 112)
5. He became secretary and advisor to Martin Luther King in 1955. (Doc.: New York Times, August 10, 1964)
6. He believes "it's time to broaden the fight—and to seek alliances with liberal sources of power like the labor unions". (Doc.: New York Times, August 10, 1964)
7. He organized the 1963 march on Washington, D. C. (Doc.: National Review, September, 15, 1964)
8. Rustin, King and Shuttlesworth formed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). (Doc.: Stang's "It's Very Simple")
9. The SCLC has had close ties with the Southern Conference Education Fund (SCEF), operated by two well-known Communists, Carl and Anne Braden. (Doc.: The State of Louisiana Hearings on the SCEF organization)
10. Rustin addressed AFL-CIO group in Memphis on February 6, 1968. The Memphis garbage strike started five days later. (Doc.: Memphis Commercial Appeal, February 7, 1968)

As garbage piles up in Memphis, one of Bayard Rustin's acquaintances appears on the scene leading demonstrations.. the Rev. James M. Lawson. The Rev. Lawson is well qualified to lead the marchers. Who is James M. Lawson?

1. He was imprisoned in 1953 for refusing to register for the draft. (Doc.: Memphis Commercial Appeal, November 26, 1967)
2. He studied passive resistance in India for three years. (Doc.: News and Courier of Charleston, S. C. March 15, 1960)

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2. He instituted the Carl Braden clemency appeal to then President John F. Kennedy. (Doc: Southern Patriot, June, 1961)
4. He traveled to North Vietnam in 1965, sponsored by Bayard Rustin's Fellowship of Reconciliation group. (Doc: YAF magazine, Oct. 2, 1965)
5. He substituted for Martin Luther King to the Latin American Revolutionary and Non-Violence meeting in Montevideo, Uruguay. (Doc: Memphis Press-Scimitar, May 21, 1966)
6. His name appears on the letterhead of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). (Doc: ACLU letterhead)
7. Kicked out of Vanderbilt for inciting civil disorders. (Doc: Commercial Appeal)
8. He ran for Memphis school board in 1967. (Doc: Commercial Appeal)
9. He led several marches in the Memphis garbage strike. (Doc: Commercial Appeal)
10. He was selected to attend the All Christian Peace Conference in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in March and April, 1968. The trip is sponsored by the National Council of Churches and the Methodist Church. (Doc: Commercial Appeal, March 2, 1968, pg. 16)

Statements have been made that Memphis may realize "Urban Uplaval" this summer. Communism believes that out of conflict comes progress. It appears that Rustin and Lawson agree.

If it is a "long, hot" summer, then look for the boys who got instructions from Moscow, Hanoi, or even Prague. It's time to call a spade a spade. Wake up!!!

Distributed by ERCC (Enlightened People's Revolutionary Committee)
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PART II

THE "REAL" MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

King the Lawbreaker: He preaches that "bad" laws should be violated. King blames Chicago riots upon "failure of the city officials...to meet demands.. of Chicago Negroes". (Ref: U.S. News 7/25/65) Something considered "constitutionally unlawful cannot justify unlawful means for their resolution. Two wrongs don't make a right". (Ref: FBI Bulletin, Sept. 1966)

King the Anarchist: King blamed the police in Los Angeles for the rioting in Watts. (Ref: Arkansas Gazette; 8/20/65) Lawlessness and violence accompany King. Mrs. Julia Brown, a Negro who was a counterespionage for the FBI, described King as an enemy to America. (Ref: Arkansas Democrat, April, 1967)

King against America: He calls for defeat of America in Viet Nam. (Ref: U.S. News, 5/8/67) He calls the United States "the greatest purveyor of violence in the world". (Ref: Chicago Tribune, 4/6/67). King, more than once, demanded the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

King the Liar: King criticized the FBI. According to J. Edgar Hoover, "King has adamantly refused to see any official of the FBI...I consider King to be the most notorious liar in the country". (Ref: U.S. News, 12/30/64)

King the Socialist: He endorsed the work and goals of Norman Thomas, America's Mr. Socialist. (Ref: New Mexico, 12/30/64) King has contributed to LID (League for Industrial Democracy), one of the most influential socialist groups in the United States. (Ref: Congressional Record information on LID, 10/12/62) He has contributed to Liberation, a socialist, pacifist publication.

King and the Communists: George S. Schuyler, an outstanding Negro journalist, wrote that: "But directly or indirectly has Dr. King made any contribution to world (or even domestic) peace?... The Lenin prize would have been more appropriate for him since it is no mean feat for one so young to acquire 60 Communist-Front citations." (Ref: Manchester Union Leader, 11/10/64)

Mrs. Alberta Ahearn, an FBI undercover agent, exposed Anne and Carl Braden of the Southern Conference Education Fund (SCEF) as members of a Communist cell. (Ref: Sunday Star, 12/12/54) King, in 1959, wanted the Bradens to become a part of his Southern Christian Leadership Conference. (Ref: Louisiana Committee Report on SCEF, Part 2)

Hunter Pitts O'Dell was in King's organization until 1963, although the HCUA exposed him as a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party in 1961. (Ref: HCUA Report, 1962)

Bayard Rustin is identified as secretary to King in the Communists' Daily Worker, 4/12/57. According to J. Edgar Hoover, "Rustin was convicted for sodomy and was an admitted member of the Young Communist League. (Ref: FBI Appropriations, 1967, page 94)

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SECRET, PETER H. RABINOVICH

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TO: JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR, FBI

Re: Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, as secretary to King's SCLC, is President of SCLC, a pro-communist organization. (Ref: Cincinnati Enquirer, 6/9/63)

Stokely Carmichael and King appeared together at the anti-American rally at the United Nations, April 15, 1967. (Ref: New York Times)

King advocates we get on the side of the Communists and the world revolution. (Ref: Congressional Record, 5/2/67)

King says we must cease resisting Communist aggression... "we have been wrong from the beginning in Viet Nam". (Ref: Congressional Record, 5/2/67)

King is fusing the peace movement and the civil rights movement. King's speech to 23rd Communist Party meeting in USSR. King is highly praised by the Communist press.

CONCLUSION

Being a Negro does not grant King immunity from criticism, nor does it make him a special target. Race has nothing to do with the utterances and actions which expose the real Martin Luther King. His program will help create a Soviet America.

"THE ONLY THING NECESSARY FOR THE TRIUMPH OF EVIL, IS FOR GOOD MEN TO DO NOTHING" by Edmund Burke

If you are interested in doing something, contact:

EPOC (Enlighten People on Communism) in care of Mrs. M. J. [illegible]
Box 30073

Memphis, Tennessee 38102

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI 6074
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356) (P)

SUBJECT: RACIAL DISTURBANCES FOLLOWING
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
BEGINNING EVENING 4/4/68
RM

Re Chicago teletype dated 5/14/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of an LHM
setting forth information concerning captioned matter.

Copies of the LHM are being furnished Region I,
113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois, U.S. Attorney, and
Secret Service, both at Chicago, Illinois.

A copy of this LHM is being provided Springfield
for information.

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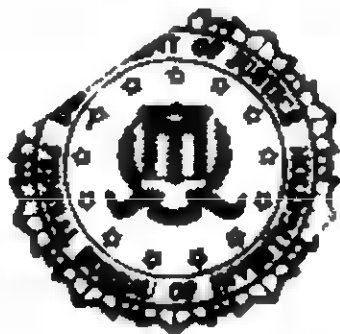
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[REDACTED] stated that information relating to statistics during 4/68 rioting as reported in the "Chicago Tribune" on 4/20/68 would be substantially correct at this time.

Chicago is maintaining close liaison with the Chicago PD and additional pertinent information will be furnished the Bureau as received.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. Chicago 100-35356

Chicago, Illinois

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On May 14, 1968, Ray O'Mally, Office of Chicago Corporation Counsel, advised that in connection with racial disturbances which transpired in Chicago in early April, 1968, nine police officers were listed as having been injured during the period April 5 through April 8, 1968. O'Malley stated that figures available to his office reflect 2,685 persons were arrested by the Chicago Police Department during period April 5-14, 1968.

[redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised [redacted], that "Riot Committee" appointed by Chicago's Mayor Richard Daley for the purpose of investigating matters relating to disturbances in Chicago in early April, 1968, will inquire into the amount of money in possession of persons arrested during disturbances.

[redacted] stated purpose of inquiry into sums of money arrestees had is reportedly for the purpose of ascertaining whether any organized conspiracy may have been present in association with disturbances in Chicago in early April, 1968. b7(D)

[redacted] advised that the "Riot Committee" contemplates hiring thirty attorneys of both the Negro and white races to conduct the interviews of all persons arrested during the riot period. [redacted] indicated it is contemplated approximately 2,000 persons who were arrested will be interviewed in an effort to ascertain if there was any conspiracy or if they observed any Chicago police officers looting.

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[REDACTED] further advised that Chicago Fire Commissioner Robert J. Quinn is scheduled to testify May 14, 1968, before "Riot Committee". b7(D)

The "Chicago Tribune", a daily newspaper published at Chicago, Illinois, May 14, 1968, edition, contained an article on page 17 which indicated Chicago Superintendent of Police James Conlisk and his aides appeared before the "Riot Committee" on May 13, 1968. The news article indicated the meeting was behind closed doors and Committee Chairman Judge Richard B. Austin stated Superintendent Conlisk was most cooperative and he and his aides were questioned about police actions from April 4 through April 12, 1968. The news article indicated Judge Austin stated the committee had found no evidence so far of failures by the Chicago Police Department and had received no evidence of any "overall conspiracy" behind rioting which occurred at Chicago, Illinois, in early April, 1968. Judge Austin advised that the "Riot Committee" in its investigation would "pull no punches".

On May 15, 1968, [REDACTED] Sheriff, Cook County, Illinois, advised that the following individuals have been declared deceased by a Cook County Coroner's inquest. Sheriff [REDACTED] related that individuals whose names are listed below were declared victims in the riots which occurred at Chicago, Illinois, in early April, 1968. All addresses are in Chicago, Illinois. b7(C)

Willie McMullin
Negro male, age unknown,
found at 1201 South Kedzie

P. Holloway
Negro male, age 16,
found at 4135 West Madison

Cyprus Hartfield
Negro male, age 32,
found at 4115 West Madison,
death due to gun-shot wound

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Jessie Thomas
Negro male, age 25,
found at Roosevelt and Sawyer,
death due to gun-shot wound

Marvin Carter
Negro male, age 24,
found at 6824 South Halsted,
shot by police

Robert Dorsey
Negro male, age 45,
found at 4255 West Monroe,
death due to gun-shot wound

Clifford Webb
Negro male, age unknown,
found at 6437 South Halsted,
death due to gun-shot wound

Curtis Gefro
Negro male, age 31,
found at 1230 North Larrabee,
shot by police

Paul Evans
Negro male, age 29,
found at 4402 West Foster,
death due to gun-shot wound

The May 15, 1968, issue of the "Chicago American", a daily newspaper published at Chicago, Illinois, contained an article on page 4 which indicated "Riot Cops Get Overtime Checks". The article indicated that checks would be issued to 7,258 policemen who worked from four to 76 hours overtime during the riots April 5-14, 1968, at Chicago, Illinois. The article continued indicating the checks ranged as high as \$350. Total extra pay for police and firemen will be 3.8

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million dollars according to Chicago City Comptroller Otto
Loser.

The April 23, 1968, edition of the "Chicago American"
contained an article on page 22 captioned "\$700,000 Riot
Funds to Guard". The news article indicated Illinois Governor
Otto Kerner released \$700,000 from the state's disaster fund
to cover the costs of the Illinois National Guard during the
April, 1968, racial disorders at Chicago, Illinois.

The news article stated about 10,000 Guardsmen
served in the disorders at Chicago and two battalions were
called out in the earlier rioting in Carbondale, Illinois.

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To: SAC, El Paso

From: Director, FBI

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MIDLAND, TEXAS

RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

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Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory letter, with enclosure, dated 5-13-68 from captioned individual wherein he alleges he heard a discussion on TV to the effect that two FBI Agents said Martin Luther King was a communist and could prove it.

Upon receipt of this communication [redacted] should be interviewed and advised of the confidential nature of our files. With regard to his comments in the fourth paragraph of his letter he should be advised that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not determine whether prosecutive action will be undertaken in any situation and that such decisions concerning violations of Federal law are within the province of the Attorney General. At time of interview, his letter to the Bureau should be acknowledged and the identity of the Agents who he alleges made the statement that King was a communist should be determined. If identified, appropriate action should be taken to obtain affidavits from the Agents involved which should be submitted to the Bureau together with appropriate recommendations as to administrative action. This matter must receive expeditious attention. Dated 5-31-68.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I.
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am inclosing a copy of a letter published in the Midland Flare newspaper.

This King Bit has me buffaloeed for some time. I heard on T. V. when he made a statement where he would favor only those laws of the U. S. A. that he felt he should, and as you know he did not obey a lot.

I heard a discussion of some people in St Louis, Mo. where two F. B. I. men said he was a Communist and said they could prove it. This was on T. V. a couple of days before his end in Memphis.

If all these things are true, why is it none of our laws can stop a Communist take over as they seem to be.

I know of a lot of business that was lost by companies hailing Martin L King.

A lot of people are fed up with Kings image. What can White people do to get the train back on the track of honesty & principle? Every politician seems to go to Washington and throws in with OKing disorder & etc. It looks like now that laws are discriminating against the White!

Best regards

Airtel to SAC, El Paso
5-20-68
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

F.B.I.

Washington D.C.

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MIDLAND, TEXAS

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I heard a discussion of some people in St. Louis Mo. where two F.B.I. men said he was a Communist. One said they could prove it. This was on T.V. a couple of days before his end in Memphis.

If all these things are true, why is it none of our laws can stop a Communist take over or they seem to be.

I know of a lot of business that was lost by companies waiting Martin Luther King.

A lot of people are fed up with King's image. What can white people do to get the train back on the track of honesty & principle. Every politician seems to go to Washington and throw in with the King. It looks like now that the laws are discriminating against the white people.

ANSWER TO BILL NICHOLS (MEMBER, UNITED CHURCH OF MIDLAND)
ARTICLE OF APRIL 11, 1968

My name is Hugh H. Sloan, Midland, Texas. I am not a member of the John Birch Society, the Ku Klux Klan, the Communist Party, or the NAACP. I am a tax payer and a good old-fashioned American Citizen. I have always been proud of being an American, but after the recent harsiding of Martin Luther King as a modern-day Jesus Christ, and of the flying of the American Flag at half-mast for one who so willfully and brazenly defied the laws of this great land, I hang my head in shame.

3-18-AT

There have been ten men from Midland -- all defending the country in which we live -- who have been killed in Viet Nam, and to my knowledge our flag has never been flown at half mast in their honor.

Martin Luther King's marches and demonstrations have caused more violence, looting, burning, and murdering in the United States than any other thing, and has cost the tax payers of the United States millions of dollars. In the marches and demonstrations that King instigated Federal troops were sent for protection, while the Justice Department and Supreme Court sat idly by to strike no punishment that was meted out.

The school being named "Robert E. Lee High School," -- whether or not we agree that Robert E. Lee was a great general, history is history, and will always be recorded as such -- just as Martin Luther King will go down in history as being a Nobel Peace Prize Winner. You might stage a sit-in, lay-in, demonstration, or march -- one of the non violent kind, where they loot, rob and burn -- and they might change the name of the school to Martin Luther King High School.

In my opinion, a truer statement was made than the one made by Governor Connally in addressing the Weslaco Chamber of Commerce, namely, that Martin Luther King contributed much to chaos and turbulence in this country. The only mistake is that Governor Connally tried to retract the statement.

It is my observation that you do not live in a section of town where the

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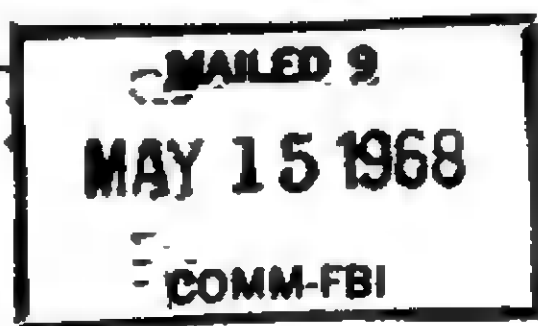
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 10th has been received.

I have never made any statements to the effect that Martin Luther King was a communist. Information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Department of Justice
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

My good friend [redacted]
 from whom you purchased a beagle named Greesom's Chum to
 give to President Johnson advised me to mention his name
 if I ever wrote to you.

I am not a crank and not a member of any political
 or subversive organizations, just an interested American.
 Being a member of Toastmasters International, I am required
 to give speeches ever 3 weeks before the other members of
 the group. Several years ago you exposed Dr. Martin Luther
 King as being a Communist. Would you be kind enough to for-
 ward to me any information or documents that were made public
 that day regarding how long you investigated him, and what
 facts you possessed to make this decision. I would like to
 give a talk on this in the next 2 or 3 weeks and would appre-
 ciate any material whatsoever that you can forward to me to
 help me with my speech.

[redacted] sends his regards, thank you for your
 assistance.

Sincerely,
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Bangor, Maine 04401

Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of May 10th, with enclosure, has been received and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to furnish me your comments on the matter you mentioned.

The FBI is conducting an investigation into the slaying of Martin Luther King and you may be assured that we will make every effort to carry out this investigation with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Memorandum:

The Enclosed editorial by Mr. Carl Hovner points out
the difficulty being experienced in finding the murderer
of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

Is the following too fantastic to be considered:
Could Mr. King have planned his own death, and could one
of his associates have assisted with the plot and have done the
killing?

Reasons:

Mr. King's power and influence had slipped considerably.
Could he have chosen to die a martyr, and thus to become in
history a more national and world personality?

- (1) He: his "dream"--a long range goal--he and his father
had changed their names from Michael to Martin Luther,
and his history and religion.
- (2) He may have had a delusion that he was one of the elect.
His last sermon preached by him in person seemed to
foretell his own death. It was a perfect funeral
sermon. I have been told that a robe was used during the
Funeral Sunday Memorial services for Mr. King.

This delusion that he had been to "the Mountain Top"
might indicate that he had delusions of grandeur--
that he was a messiah or a saint. (Some historical people
such as Napoleon, etc.)

- (3) The timing, near the end of the funeral planned for
Funeral Sunday, might indicate the desire to influence his
followers to connect his death with the Divine, thus
making it the ultimate sacrifice for his people.

It is possible that Mr. King was aware of the scene of
the previous year's riot, and that he was aware that he
was in his life, that there was a plot to kill him,
he refused to listen. This action might indicate that
the prospect of death did not trouble him--that he might
have been expecting it; that he was appearing on the scene
as a martyr in another case of good timing for the purpose.
(Over 100,000 people)

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Carl Rowan

Serious Doubts Entertained That King Murder Was Work Of One Man

WASHINGTON — The entire U. S. intelligence apparatus, including the military and the Central Intelligence Agency, has now become involved in the investigation of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Evidence gathered by FBI agents in one of the most massive probes in the nation's history has forced serious investigation of these possibilities:

1. That James Earl Ray, the alleged assassin, was the hired killer in a Cuba-Red China plot.

2. That the "assassin squad" of the Soviet secret police was somehow involved in the plot.

3. That Ray was hired indirectly by certain black nationalists who paid him with money made available by foreign sources.

The FBI has had as many as 2,000 agents working at one time, in cooperation with hundreds of local policemen and other U. S. intelligence agents, to track down every lead—including the above possibilities—that the assassination was plotted with the intention of creating internal chaos in the United States.

It should be emphasized that the dominant theory—and hope—among those directing the investigation is still that the killer was a loner who murdered Dr. King out of his own crazy, racist views.

But this theory loses supporters as each day goes by without agents turning up any

trace of Ray, who is linked to the murder and murder weapon by fingerprints and ballistics data.

FBI agents believe no loner could get food and drink for so long a period in this country without being detected in the massive day-and-night search that is underway.

This point, added to the now-known fact that Ray had plenty of money, has given credibility to the theory that Dr. King's assassin was a hired killer.

A growing fear in FBI circles is that the killer was given \$10,000 in advance to murder Dr. King with a promise of much more upon completion of the job. When he returned to his U.S. racist employers for the final payoff, the theory goes, he was slain and his body dumped where agents may never find it.

International intelligence agents have entered the investigation, however, because of Ray's mysterious trips to New Orleans—and certain of the suspect's trips out of the country. The FBI reportedly has pinpointed Ray's movements even to knowing which prostitute he spent which night with in certain countries, but it has not yet produced meaningful evidence of an international plot.

Deep Suspicion

But there is deep suspicion of a Cuba-Red China plot. The assumption is that, if the Cubans had made arrangements to spirit their hired

killer out of the U. S., they very likely killed him and dumped him in the ocean.

Totally-informed sources here say, however, that there is no evidence whatsoever of involvement by the Communist party of the United States, or of any splinter group of U. S. Communists.

One source called the King killing "one of the most baffling cases in memory." He said suspect Ray "just vanished in the face of the damndest FBI manhunt in ages."

He also theorized that the slaying and escape were so smoothly organized that they tend to discredit suspicions of black nationalist involvement—but that "every possibility must be checked."

The FBI is pouring vast amounts of manpower and money into the search because it knows its reputation is at stake. It also knows that if Dr. King's killer is not found all sorts of rumors will arise. Memphis police already have been accused of plotting the murder, and the accusations soon could be hurled at the FBI or other Federal agencies.

Some of those directing the investigation are openly hoping that it will turn out to be the work of one man. They fear the explosive repercussions if it turns out that the murderer was a hired killer for white U. S. racists—or for a foreign power.

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3. Mrs. Zinn's attitude and bearing at the time of the
assassination and her present activities might indicate
that she had been well prepared to carry on Mr. Zinn's
work, while she is now doing.

As Mr. Rosen has pointed out, this case is proving
almost beyond solution; I hope that these suppositions
won't seem altogether too weird for consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Malverne, New York 11565

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter was received on May 13th.

In response to your inquiry as to whether or not
Martin Luther King was a communist, information of this
nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because
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fidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Melverne I.I. 11565

New York

To Whom It May Concern,

Since the death of Martin Luther King, I have heard many different opinions on whether he was good or bad for our country. I have listened to both sides but still cannot decide. A friend of mine is a N.Y.C. Detective and he claims King was a Communist and that ~~XXXX~~ King is listed as a Communist in your files. I do not know enough about him to agree or disagree, though I doubt very much he is one. My question is, is King a communist or not?

Please answer this letter as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours truly
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Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 7th, with enclosure, has been received.

In response to your request, there was no prepared text for this conference and notes were taken by those reporters present.

The statement in the publication you forwarded represents an opinion expressed by the writer of the article and it is contrary to my long-standing policy to comment on material prepared by persons other than personnel of this Bureau. I am enclosing a reprint of an article that appeared in the December 7, 1964, issue of the "U. S. News & World Report" which I hope will be of help to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect prior cordial correspondence with [REDACTED] last outgoing 4-23-68, when he was advised that the Director, at a press conference on November 18, 1964, made the statement that Martin Luther King was the most notorious liar in the country and the reason for it in response to his inquiry concerning it.

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May 7, 1968 [REDACTED]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

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Dear Sir:

Thank you for your very candid April 23 reply to my letter of April 16 concerning your statement about Martin Luther King, Jr.

It would still be very helpful to me if I could have an exact copy of your statement in which your comment was made. Also, I am enclosing a Xerox copy of the newspaper article which brought this to my attention, and I should like to know from you if this is the sort of use of your statement that you intended.

Your early reply will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

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The column also presents our local church holding a discussion on "What a Christian should think of Martin Luther King?" — why should a Christian think anything of or about him? — and we resent some "bad" in the general federal mail in Washington ordering our local postmaster to lower "Old Glory" to half mast for him.

Violence followed Martin Luther King wherever he went, and he never did one single thing to try to stop it. The TV cry-babies — junky journalists should be crying for America in her dark hours of race riots and lawlessness — if they are on America's side.

Someone will say what right do you have to make these comments about "the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King?" Okay, don't take it too far. Here's what not a journalist George S. Smith, author of Negro, has to say about Martin Luther King: "Would the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964?"

"... King is a man who is not a prize, as an apostle of peace, or a glorifier of nonviolence; ... his entire career was to the contrary."

Just because he was persecuted doesn't make him a saint.

One up, Americans. It's better than you think.

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BY WILL LOCKMAN

OUT OF PROPORTION

The report of the death of Martin Luther King Jr. is the most unbelievable thing I have ever heard of.

The news of King's death is a terrible blow to the people of America. It is a blow that has broken practically every heart in the land. The news is so absolutely unbelievable that I don't know what to say. I don't know what to do. I don't know what to think. I don't know what to feel. I don't know what to say. I don't know what to do. I don't know what to think. I don't know what to feel.

It is unbelievable that the death of Martin Luther King Jr. has caused such a great deal of trouble in America. It is unbelievable that the death of Martin Luther King Jr. has caused such a great deal of trouble in America. It is unbelievable that the death of Martin Luther King Jr. has caused such a great deal of trouble in America.

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Crane, Texas 79731

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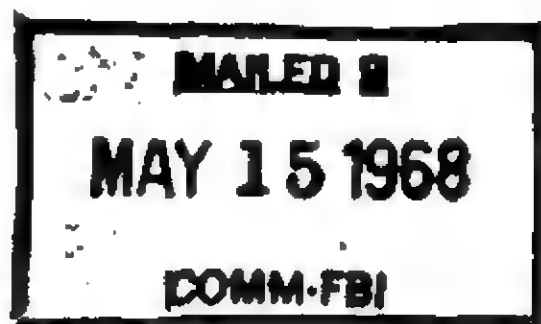
Your letter of May 10th has been received and I am very glad that you chose to write me. I wish I could answer your questions about Martin Luther King but rules of the Department of Justice, of which the FBI is a part, will not allow me to do this.

I did say that Martin Luther King was the most notorious liar in the country. I said this on November 18, 1964, at a conference of newspaper writers. My reason was that he had been untruthful about the work of our Special Agents.

Enclosed is some material about the FBI which I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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TRUE COPY

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am 9 years old. I'm in the third grade. Today I read in my "Weekly Reader" that Dr. Martin Luther King was a great man. My teacher said he was a great man. My Father said he was a evil man and a notorious liar. He also said he helped the communist advance their cause. Who is more nearly correct, my teacher or my father?

Respectfuloy yours,


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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you in regard to the
information that I received from
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my source was that he was a
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Respectfully,


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Greenville, South Carolina 29605

H. J. Moore

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of May 7th has been received.

In response to your inquiry as to whether or not
Martin Luther King was a communist, information of this nature,
whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a
Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confiden-
tial nature. For the same reason I cannot comment on your other
questions.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Greenville, S. C., 29605
May 7, 1968

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am a citizen looking for the truth. My question:
Was the late Dr. Martin Luther King a Communist?

William Highsmith, regional coordinator of the
John Birch Society, has charged that:

(1) Martin Luther King taught in the Highlander Folk
School, supposedly a Communist front;

(2) For twelve years, Bayard Rustin recruited members for the
Communist party.

Are these charges true?

Sincerely,

/s/

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Greenville, S.C., 29605

Sincerely,

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
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There are enclosed for the Bureau 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) containing information about a contact between STANLEY LEVISON and BEN HOOKS, of the SCLC in Memphis, about the possibility of making the SCLC a membership organization. The source is [REDACTED]

No teletype summary of this LHM was sent to the Bureau because previous information has been furnished about LEVISON's thought on conducting a membership drive among Negroes.

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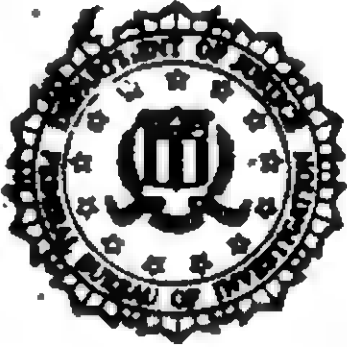
A copy of this LHM is being forwarded to Memphis
for its information.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
May 2, 1968

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Martin Luther King, Jr.;
Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 1, 1968, that on that date, Stanley Levison and Ben Hooks of Memphis, Tennessee, a member of the Executive Board of the SCLC, discussed making the SCLC a membership organization. Levison felt that they did not have to go in for branches that, at the present time, particularly in churches, it is possible to launch a campaign around the slogan "A Million to Replace One". Levison also noted that the SCLC has more entry into labor unions than any other civil rights organization. Levison recalled that he had told Martin Luther King, Jr. that the SCLC never used the strength they have in the labor movement. He said that in the Black locals of the Teamsters Union alone they could get thousands of memberships with the cooperation of the union. He added that the National Vice President of the Packing House Workers Union in Chicago, a Negro, told Andrew Young (Executive Vice President of the SCLC) that they would do "these kind of things" with the SCLC, such as raising money, provided the SCLC backed up the Black members in those unions.

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Martin Luther King, Jr. ;
Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)

Levison and Hooks agreed that the membership fee
should be \$3.00 per year. *R*

Levison noted the Board of the SCLC would have to
approve any action making the SCLC a membership organization.
He said that there should be a Finance Committee and that
Hooks should be Chairman of it. *R*

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Honorable Edwin W. Edwards
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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My dear Congressman:

I received your letter of April 30th.

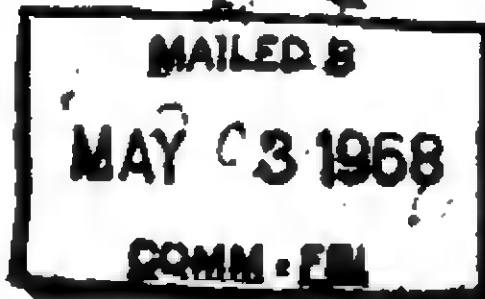
In response to your inquiries, I am not at liberty to discuss any investigative matter handled by the FBI since information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Data obtained by this Bureau concerning Martin Luther King has been reported to the Attorney General, and you may wish to contact him for any assistance he may be able to render you.

Since his slaying, I have received numerous inquiries from persons in all walks of life wanting to know whether Martin Luther King was a communist or had any communist affiliations. I have answered these requests with the statement that information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released under provisions of an order issued by the Department of Justice pertaining to all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles show that we have maintained limited but cordial relations with Congressman Edwards who was elected at special elections 10-2-65 to fill the vacancy of the late Representative T. A. Thompson, to represent the Seventh District of Louisiana.

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Washington, D.C. 20515

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April 30, 1968

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Many of my constituents have written or otherwise contacted me asking that I insist upon release by the FBI of all information concerning an alleged FBI investigation of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his associations.

Would you please therefore advise:

1. Did the FBI make such an investigation?
2. Is the investigation complete?
3. Will the results of and information gained from the investigation be made public, and if not, why not?

I understand from other Members of Congress that many American citizens are making similar requests and your Department might consider issuing a public statement in the public interest covering the general subject matter.

At any rate, may I have an early reply to the inquiries herein above made.

Kindest regards.

Cordially yours,

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U. S. EDWIN W. EDWARDS
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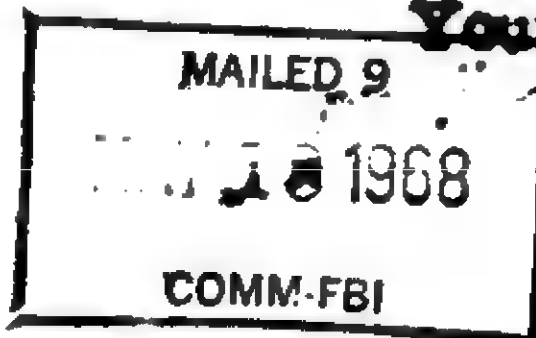
Honorable George Bush
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

Your communication of May 9th, with enclosure, has been received.

In response to your constituents' inquiry as to whether or not Martin Luther King was connected with communist activities, information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Your enclosure is being returned as requested.



Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

NOTE: We have had previous cordial correspondence with Congressman Bush. Bufiles contain no record identifiable with [REDACTED]. Since it is not known whether [REDACTED] are husband and wife or brother and sister, their names are not being set out in reply.

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House of Representatives, U.S.
 Washington, D.C. 20515
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May 9, 1968
George Bush
 M.C.

Dear Mr. Director:

The attached correspondence is respectfully forwarded for your consideration. I would greatly appreciate your sending me any available information you have on this subject. Kindly return the attached with your reply. Many thanks and regards.

George Bush, M. C.
 TEXAS.

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May 4, 1968

Hon. George Bush
1608 Longworth House Office Bldg
Washington, D. C.

Dir Sir:

We think you are doing a fine job. Keep it up.

Right after the death of Martin Luther King, Mr Paul Harvey, news commentator, implied that the F B I had a complete file on King connecting him with communist activities. Previously we had considered this to be ultra right wing gossip. We would be interested in knowing the truth about this matter. What is your opinion and exactly what information does the F B I have on Dr. King?

Thank you very much

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May 4, 1968

Hon. George Bush
1608 Longworth House Office Bldg
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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Keep it up.

Right after the death of Martin Luther King, Mr Paul Harvey, news commentator, implied that the FBI had a complete file on King connecting him with communist activities. Previously we had considered this to be ultra right wing gossip. We would be interested in knowing the truth about this matter. What is your opinion and exactly what information does the FBI have on Dr. King?

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Thank you very much

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING

DATE: 1/19/68

cc Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Bowers

Appointment with
Senator Robert C. Byrd (D.-W.Va.)
1/19/68

At his request I met with Senator Byrd in his office at 11 a.m. today. Also present was Mr. Barksdale, Senator Byrd's staff member on research and speech writing.

Senator Byrd outlined to me his responsibilities in the supervision of the District of Columbia Government. He told me he was extremely concerned over the pronouncements made recently by Martin Luther King that massive civil disobedience would be staged in the nation's capital this summer. The Senator indicated it was time that King "met his Waterloo" and that he felt this summer would do the trick. He stated this, of course, depended upon whether or not the President would allow sufficient force to "knock King down."

Senator Byrd asked me if the FBI could prepare a speech for him on the subject of King which he could give on the Senate floor next week. He stated thereafter he would like to be kept up to date on the activities of King so that further speeches could be made. He reminded me that he was a great supporter of Mr. Hoover and the FBI. He reiterated his responsibilities in connection with the D.C. Government and told me that, while other senators and congressmen were aiding and abetting the alleged civil rights cause, he had constantly sounded forth a warning as to the attachments to subversive causes which many so-called civil rights leaders had.

I told Senator Byrd and Mr. Barksdale that, while we appreciated his great interest, the pressure of work would prevent us from being of assistance and we, therefore, could not prepare the speech he had in mind. I stated if any items of a public source nature came to our attention which we felt would be of interest to the Senator, we could, of course, refer him to the appropriate source which contained these items.

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Mr. Tolson

Using generalities, I briefed the Senator and Mr. Barksdale, in a very few moments, about the swing to the left of various alleged civil rights organizations such as SNCC, CORE, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. I told them that the Director had pointed this out on many occasions and that the Director clearly felt that the more these groups needed money and publicity, the further left they would swing in order to gain such objectives.

I told the Senator and Mr. Barksdale they should feel free to call us at any time; however, we of course were restricted in what we could furnish them. The Senator expressed appreciation and asked that his best regards be extended to the Director.

Mr. Barksdale is a former editor of a newspaper in West Virginia. He deplored the attacks upon the Director and the FBI by the Charleston, West Virginia Gazette, and stated this paper makes little impression upon the people of West Virginia.

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For record purposes.

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May 13, 1968

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G. J. Moore
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[REDACTED]

Midland, Texas 79701

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your communication of May 7th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. However, I can tell you that at a press conference on November 18, 1964, I made the statement that Martin Luther King was the most notorious liar in the country. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

(Postmarked
May 7, 1968)

Dear Mr. Hoover,

⑥ Your file on Mr. Martin Luther King has been secretly kept but now that he has died, will you make this information available to the public? If so, I would appreciate any literature you could send me in regards to why you called him a most notorious liar.

Sincerely,

67(c) [redacted]
Midland, Texas 79701

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MR. TOLSON ✓
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MR. CASPER ✓
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MR. FELT
MR. GALE
MR. ROSEN ✓
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MRS. METCALF
MISS GANDY

Dear Mr. Hoover, ^{martin.}
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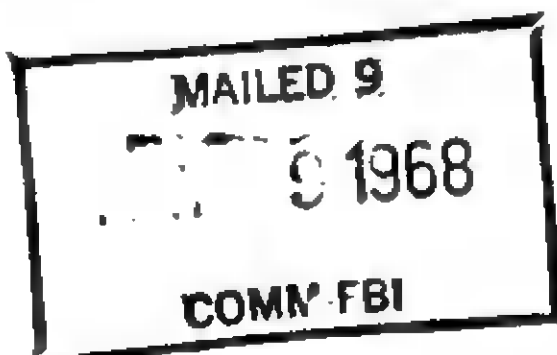
Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter was received on May 8th and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to contact me.

In response to your inquiry, I have never made any statements to the effect that Martin Luther King was a communist. Information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Bufiles disclose outgoing dated 3-23-56 to correspondent forwarding him a copy of the Director's remarks on the "Family Theater Program" in response to his request. Date of receipt of letter being used in reply as correspondent dated his letter April 7th.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
 506 Old Post Office Building
 Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In these days of critical events, it is unfortunate that false rumors have been so frequently used.

A man, who is a very responsible man and holds a position of influence, has been quoting you. He states that you have said that Martin Luther King, Jr. was a card-holding communist. Naturally, he uses this information to further his racist feelings.

My purpose in writing is to make clear the record. We have great confidence in you as Director of our F.B.I. Personally, I have not read or heard anywhere that you have made such a statement. I would appreciate it very much if you would either verify the statement if it is true or disclaim it if it is not true. My only motive in getting this clear is to stop a rumor if it is untrue.

As a minister (white) I am endeavoring to present the Gospel, support our government, and endeavor to live what I preach, as best I can recognizing how short I fall.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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J. G. Moore

Honorable Allen J. Ellender
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

My dear Senator:

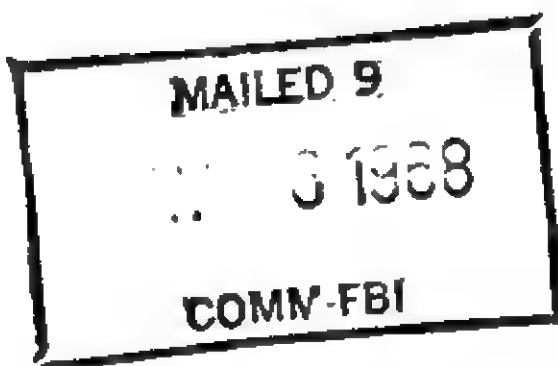
Your communication of May 2nd, with enclosure,
has been received.

You may wish to advise your constituent that infor-
mation in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential
pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice.

I am returning your enclosure.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosure

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NOTE: We have had previous cordial correspondence with Senator Ellender.
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United States Senate

May 2, 1968

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Letter to Mr. Hoover

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The attached communication is referred to
you for such consideration as is warranted
and for a report on it.

I will appreciate your assistance in this
matter.

Yours truly,

Allen J. Ellender
ALLEN J. ELLENDER
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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April 26, 1968

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ALLEN J. ELLENDER

Honorable Allen Ellender
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20000

Dear Mr. Ellender:

I respectfully request that you take whatever action is necessary to have the F.B.I. release and make public all information concerning Martin Luther King, Jr. and his associations.

Although I deplore the fact that he was assassinated, I feel the public is receiving a distorted picture of his past and his aims.

Yours very truly,

[Redacted Signature]

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Atlanta, Georgia 30308

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Dear [REDACTED]

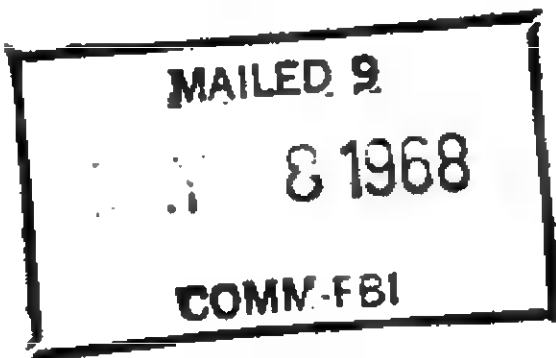
Your letter of May 1st has been received and I certainly want to thank you for your favorable comments concerning my administration of this Bureau.

In response to your inquiry concerning any communist activities or affiliations of Martin Luther King, information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I am sorry I cannot be of assistance in this instance.

In accordance with your request, I am enclosing some information on the general subject of communism which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Enclosures (2)

3-27-67 Statement on Communism (Director's)
Let's Fight Communism Sanely! FBI

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NOTE: Bufiles indicate prior outgoing letter to one [REDACTED] of Macon, Georgia, 11-27-64 in response to her favorable letter concerning the Director's press conference.

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Atlanta, Georgia 30306
May 1, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I hope you can give me some information I would like. Do you have any proof at all that Martin Luther King was a Communist? There is a picture of him in a Tennessee newspaper purportedly attending a Communist meeting, and sitting beside known Communists, but when I told some friends about this picture, they insisted that that did not mean that Martin Luther King was a Communist.

I am not naive enough to even doubt that he was a Communist but I would surely like to have some proof of it. If you have any proof, would you please send it to me.

I remember when he tried to get you fired....I was surely glad when you stood your ground. More power to you. I think you have done a marvelous job for the country and I wish you could live forever and in your same job!

Are the officials in Washington going to sit by and allow those marchers to make "shanty towns" out of all the beautiful parks there? When I lived in Washington, one had to get a permit to even have a small picnic in some of the parks. Why have things changed so much now? If whoever is responsible for allowing these camps to come about would take some action now, the riots might be averted. If it is allowed, I hope they get what they deserve.

I will thank you so very much for any bulletins or anything concerning your work. You sent me some another time and I appreciated it so much.

Very sincerely,
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July 10, 1967

MR. TOLSON:

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With the Director's approval, I saw Marvin Watson at the White House at 2:30 p.m. this afternoon. Watson stated that he personally had noted, after reading a memorandum from Bill Connell, Executive Assistant to the Vice President, that the same names were turning up each time with regard to civil rights matters as well as anti-Vietnam activities. Watson asked if we had noted this. I replied in the affirmative and stated that the Director had sent numerous communications to the White House reflecting this fact.

Luther I told Watson that self-styled civil rights leaders such as King, Carmichael and McKissick were now seeking to replenish their empty larders by turning from civil rights to anti-Vietnam activities. I stated that all of these men had realized that there was more financial gain and more publicity in being in anti-Vietnam activities than in heading up civil rights drives. It was indicated that the general public is gradually beginning to realize that the civil rights activities of these men have been phoney since their start. Watson stated he agreed.

Watson then indicated that the President had told him that the next time I was over there he wanted to see me. He then took me in to see the President. The President appeared to be deeply tanned, greatly relaxed, and had his feet up on the desk. The real basis for Watson requesting me to come over then became apparent.

The President stated that he had recently had a discussion with Prime Minister Holt (Australia) whom he regarded most highly. The Prime Minister told the President that the way to handle the anti-Vietnam activities in this country was through positive demonstrations on the part of patriotic groups. The President stated he concurred with Holt and he felt that the American Legion, rather than placing flowers on black coffins when dead servicemen were returned, should in the future institute programs of meeting troop ships, having parades, giving presents to returning servicemen and generally stirring up great publicity

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in such matters. The President told me he had autographed a picture that afternoon to National Commander John Davis and he felt that I should get in touch with Davis concerning this matter.

I told the President that Commander Davis was most indecisive, would be going out of office the latter part of August, 1967, and that very frankly the only reason he had sought the position of National Commander was because he could have a basis to seek a third term as Governor of North Dakota. I told the President that I thought it best to mention the desired program to John Galbraith, the new incoming National Commander who is from Nebraska and who appears to be a very level-headed individual.

The President next asked if the FBI knew anything regarding the activities of King, Carmichael and McKissick, as mentioned above. I told him the Director had constantly sent communications over to him regarding these individuals and the FBI kept abreast of all their activities. The President asked who was behind these people. I told him that Stanley Levinson, prominent member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, and Bayard Rustin were behind King, and that although McKissick and Carmichael had left wing individuals supporting them, they obviously were self-styled civil rights leaders who were seeking only to get as much money out of a troubled situation as possible. I told the President of the situation at the University of Wisconsin where Carmichael arrogantly demanded \$1,800 prior to speaking and had raised hell simply because the students could only raise \$1,300. I briefed the President generally regarding King and McKissick. ~~S~~

The President inquired as to whether the information concerning Carmichael and his speech making activities had been given to the press. I told him it had not. He asked that we give it to Drew Pearson. I told him I doubted Pearson would print derogatory information concerning these characters. The President then stated that we should consider giving it to William White, the columnist, on an off-the-record basis. He stated that White was an old friend of his and would understand the circumstances. I told the President I would bring this to the Director's attention.

The President next asked if I knew former Congressman Charles O. Porter of Oregon. I told him that the FBI was well aware of Porter and his background. I stated that the Director had sent me up to see Porter on one occasion in connection with the DeGalindez case some

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years ago and that Porter had attempted to record our conversation. I stated I had told Porter at the time that he would have to cut off his recording machine or else I would leave his office. The President was advised that Porter had constantly issued false statements concerning the FBI and was slippery as an eel and not to be trusted. I stated that he was anti-Vietnam and had many associates who had very questionable backgrounds. The President stated that we should send Mrs. Stegall a memorandum on Porter, however, the memorandum should not reflect that he had specifically requested this information.

The President asked if Bobby Kennedy saw Kosygin while he was in the United States. I told the President that at Watson's request we had checked very carefully on this matter and there had been no indication that Kennedy had seen Kosygin. The President stated that apparently the Soviet Government had decided to turn down Kennedy's invitation.

The President turned once again to the subject of Carmichael and McKissick. He obviously avoided bringing up King's name again. He asked if the FBI could have Chairman Ed Willis of the House Committee on Un-American Activities hold hearings concerning Carmichael and McKissick. I told him I thought it would be out of order for the FBI to make the request of Willis and besides, Willis appeared to be in very bad physical condition at the present time. I stated also that the President might like to consider the fact that the House Committee on Un-American Activities has little reputation at the present time and that hearings on McKissick and Carmichael might react to their advantage rather than hurting them.

The President then asked how such information could get out. I told him that handling such matters with newspapers was perhaps the best way, however, there obviously had been a reluctance on the part of some individuals to leak anything against King. (I, of course, meant the Attorney General.) The President made no comment but stated that he hoped the anti-Vietnam activities of all these people could be watched most carefully.

The President asked about the Director and I told him the Director was fine and working as hard as ever.

ACTION:

(1) If the Director approves, I will call Bill White and give him the above information concerning Stokely Carmichael.

*Since President has
ordered it I suppose
I have to do it but I don't
like it.* *6*

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(2) The Crime Records Division will prepare a summary memorandum addressed to Mrs. Stegall concerning former Congressman Charles O. Porter.

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(3) If the Director has no objections, I will bring to the attention of John Galbraith (new incoming National Commander of The American Legion) the desire on the part of the President for the Legion to institute a program welcoming home returning servicemen from Vietnam.

This is up to you.

RESPECTFULLY,

C. D. DE LOACH

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Date: 6/3/65

Transmit the following in _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (P) *mw 6*

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ACTIVITY BY NATIONAL KNIGHTS
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN UPON MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S
VISIT TO ANTIOCH COLLEGE, YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO
JUNE 18-19, 1965
RM

Re Cincinnati tel to Director, 6/2/65, captioned
"NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN; RM".

Enclosed for Bureau are 8 copies of LHM, 3 copies
of LHM for Atlanta and 2 copies each of LHM to JACKSON,
Knoxville, Memphis, New Orleans and Savannah Offices. One
copy of this LHM is being designated locally to 109th
INTC Group, Cincinnati, OSI, WPAFB, ONI, Columbus, and 2
copies to U. S. Secret Service, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Source utilized in LHM is [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] who furnished this information to SA [REDACTED] b7c
The Bureau is aware of [REDACTED] past activities and has instructed Cincinnati Division to accept but not solicit information from her.

On 6/2/65 [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] Yellow Springs, Ohio, PD, and [REDACTED] Sheriff, Greene County, Ohio, were furnished information contained in this LHM.

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This matter is being closely followed by Cincinnati Division and all information developed will be immediately furnished to Bureau, other offices and interested agencies.

LEADS:

All offices receiving copies of this communication will contact logical informants and sources and furnish Cincinnati Division pertinent information pertaining to Klan members traveling to Ohio for captioned matter.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio
June 3, 1965

RE: PROPOSED ACTIVITY BY NATIONAL KNIGHTS
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN UPON MARTIN LUTHER KING,
JR'S VISIT TO ANTIOCH COLLEGE, YELLOW SPRINGS,
OHIO, JUNE 18-19, 1965

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a source who has not furnished
sufficient information in the past to establish extent of
reliability, advised as follows:

William Hugh Morris, Emperor, National Knights of
the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK), plans to burn a forty foot cross near
Yellow Springs, Ohio, (location unknown to date) on Friday
evening, June 18, 1965. Morris is traveling to Tennessee,
Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana sometime this week to
recruit persons to travel to Ohio for this activity.

On morning of June 19, 1965, Klan members will carry
"charred crosses" and station themselves at entrances around
Antioch College and Yellow Springs, Ohio, vicinity. This
activity is to protest "left wing" activities at Antioch
College and fact Martin Luther King, Jr. is speaking at Antioch
College commencement exercise June 19, 1965.

Morris indicated that the purpose of this activity
is for free national publicity which he believes will enhance
the Klan cause.

Characterizations of the NKKKK are attached hereto.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC, (NKKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unity of effort and activities to establish a National Fund, and a National Secretary, and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Hyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

A second source advised in March, 1964, that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960 to 1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order."

A third source advised in December, 1963, that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born.

The third source advised in August, 1964, that the organization has a headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of James R. Venable, Chairman.

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TO DIRECTOR /44-12831/

FROM MOBILE /44-557/

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS OF DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA, VOTING
DISCRIMINATION. CR - EL.

RE MOBILE TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN,
LAST, AT ELEVEN FIFTY SEVEN P.M., CST.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED]
REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING AFTER LAST NIGHT'S MEETING AT BROWNS
CHAPEL AME CHURCH, AT WHICH TIME KING TOLD HIM THE PLAN
PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED TO MARCH ON THE OFFICE OF GOV. GEORGE
WALLACE IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, ON FEBRUARY TWENTY TWO, NEXT,
HAS BEEN CANCELED, AS KING INDICATED MORE TIME WAS NEEDED TO
DEVELOP THE DETAILS OF THIS DEMONSTRATION. KING INDICATED
TO [REDACTED] HE TENTATIVELY PLANS TO RETURN TO SELMA, ALA., ON
THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY TWENTY ONE, NEXT, OR THE EARLY MORNING
OF FEBRUARY TWENTY TWO, NEXT. KING STATED THAT A MASS MEETING
IS DEFINITELY PLANNED FOR LOWNDES COUNTY, ALA., ON THE NIGHT

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ON FEBRUARY TWENTY THIRD, NEXT; HOWEVER, OTHER PLANS FOR THE SELMA AREA ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION, AND DEFINITE PLANS NOT FINAL. [REDACTED] STATED REV. RALPH ABERNATHY INDICATED THAT LOCAL NEGRO ORGANIZATIONS IN SELMA WILL SOON MAKE DEMANDS ON CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIALS TO HAVE NEGRO DEPUTIES AND NEGRO POLICE OFFICERS HIRED IN SELMA, AND THAT REFUSAL TO DO THIS WOULD BE MET BY CONTINUED DEMONSTRATIONS AND ECONOMIC WITHDRAWAL, WHICH ABERNATHY EXPLAINED WOULD MEAN LIMITED PURCHASING BY NEGROES FROM WHITE PERSONS WHO WOULD OPPOSE THE MEASURES. b7(c)

DALLAS COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRARS MADE THE APPEARANCE BOOK AVAILABLE AS OF NINE THIRTY A.M., CST, TODAY, AT WHICH TIME THERE WERE TWELVE WHITES AND TWENTY FIVE NEGROES IN LINE. NUMBER ONE FOUR ONE TWO WAS THE FIRST NUMBER ISSUED.

CONTEMPT OF COURT HEARING FOR CORDY TINDELL VIVIAN IS STILL SCHEDULED FOR TWO THIRTY P.M. IN DALLAS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT. BRIAN LANDSBERG AND GEORGE RAYBORN, DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS ON THE SCENE AT SELMA BEING ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM ADVISED AIRMAIL. END PAGE TWO

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[REDACTED] OFFICE OF CLERK OF U.S. DISTRICT COURT,
MOBILE, ALA., ADVISED THAT U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE ISSUED AN ORDER
THIS AM ASSUMING JURISDICTION OF THE CHARGES AGAINST C. T.
VIVIAN AND HAS ORDERED HIM DELIVERED TO U.S. MARSHAL AND
DIRECTED U.S. MARSHAL TO RELEASE VIVIAN ON SURETY BOND OF
THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS ON THE CHARGE OF CONTEMPT OF COURT AND
TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS BOND ON CHARGE OF CRIMINAL PROVOCATION.
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Granite Falls, Minnesota 56241

Dear [REDACTED]

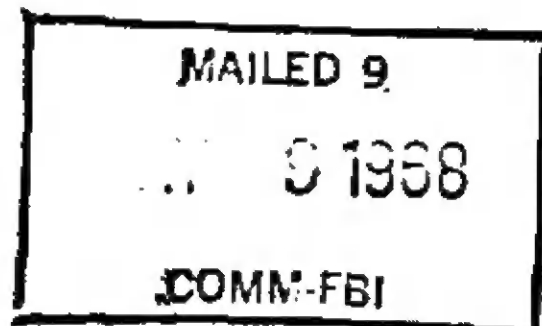
In response to the inquiries of your letter of May 3rd, I have never made any statements to the effect that Martin Luther King was a communist. Information of this nature, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

In view of your concern about the menace of communism I am enclosing some material which I hope will be of help to you. Perhaps you will also want to read my books, "Masters of Deceit," and "A Study of Communism." These were written to help readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities, both in this country and abroad. Copies may be available in your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Director's Statement on Communism 3-27-67

Director's Statement on Communist influence in racial matters 2-16-67.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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Dear Mr. Hoover,

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I would be most grateful if you would give me some
information concerning the late Dr. Martin Luther King.

// Is it true that you called Dr. King a communist, and, if
so, where can I get the authenticated proof ?

Feeling that communism is a very real threat to our
great United States, I am most eager to have this information.

I'd be most appreciative for whatever information you
would be able to provide.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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15-11K Thank you.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sincerely yours

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